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Governor, Acting Governor and Governor
of the State of Connecticut

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INTRODUCTION

This is the third volume of the Smith Papers and Volume 27 of *The Collections of The Connecticut Historical Society*. Its publication is possible through the Public Act appropriating $1,000.00 annually to the Society for this purpose.

The War of 1812 was unpopular in Connecticut and the British blockade seriously curtailed economic life in the state. It was a tribute to the leaders of Connecticut that a force of 15,000 men was raised, equipped and officered. Governor Smith was under constant pressure to issue commissions to local persons, and in times of alarm was petitioned for men and supplies to guard various points along the coast. This particular volume contains official reports to the Governor of the attack on Pettipaug and Stonington.

The volume may be read not only as a primary source for historical material, but also as a human interest narrative, for it is filled with vivid accounts of alarms and attacks. We see an elected public official faced with major problems and beset by minor ones, all complicated by poor communications. For instance, a letter from New London, written on the 19th of the month, reached the Governor at Hartford on the 21st and if he was at his home in Sharon another two days might be required. Petty disputes involving jealousy between officers continually plagued him and even resignations were submitted to him for action.

We also become acquainted with the personalities and capacities of other leaders of that period. We see the rise of the problem which existed when a local militia officer of higher

rank became subordinate to a United States Army officer. The final disposition of this delicate problem is continued into the next volume. Every action had to be weighed in the light of who was going to pay for what. Mustering had to be by the book or the United States would not pay wages.

One cannot help but admire the literary style of John Cotton Smith, for it is the writing of an educated gentleman in a position of great responsibility of which he was fully conscious. Governor Smith was an early member of this Society and was much interested in its success. It is fitting that the letters should be published for it places in print records of Connecticut hitherto unavailable. Succeeding volumes will appear as rapidly as they can be prepared.

THOMPSON R. HARLOW

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[4:117]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 14. April 1814 —

Sir

The enclosed extract of a letter just received from Major General Williams will Show that the enemy have Succeeded in destroying the vessels lying at Saybrook on Connecticut river —

If a Small force had been stationed in Fort Fenwick, this Serious misfortune would in all probability not have occurred. Whilst I regret that the General Government has not found it convenient to regard the earnest representations heretofore made upon that Subject, I must be allowed still to hope so important and vulnerable a point will not be neglected —

I have the honour to be
respectfully Sir your obedient
and humble ser^{t}
JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Hon.
The Secretary of war —

[Endorsed] To Secretary of War — 14. April 1814 — Saybrook — Copy —

GENERAL ORDERS

[4:118]

State of Connecticut —
General orders —
April 14. 1814 —

A General court martial, whereof Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Wheeler is president, was held at Thompson on the 8th day of March last by order of the Brigadier General of the 5th brigade, for the trial of Rufus Coburn Lieutenant of the 6th company in the 11th regiment of infantry, under arrest for disobeying in several instances the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Lyon whilst he commanded the 11th regiment, and for unofficerlike conduct and neglect of duty —

From the proceedings of the court it appears that the charges on which the accused was arrested and the order for a court martial issued, were exhibited by the said Jonathan Lyon *after he had resigned his office*, and were signed by him as *late Lieutenant colonel commandant* — This irregularity was perceived by the court; but as the accused in the preogress of the trial expressly waived his objection thereto, and requested a decision upon the merits of the case, the court, after a full hearing pronounced the prisoner NOT GUILTY of the charges alleged against him.

The Captain General considers, that as Lieutenant colonel Lyon had ceased to command the regiment and was out of service, he could not regularly *report* an officer for arrest and trial, and that it was therefore improper to predicate the order for a court martial upon charges *thus* exhibited; especially as the Supposed offender might have been arrested and brought to trial in another form — Still the accused having explicitly declined to take advantage of the informality, the court were justified in proceeding to a definitive sentence.

On a deliberate consideration of the whole record the Captain General has thought proper to Approve the Sentence, and the same is approved accordingly — It is ordered that Lieutenant Rufus Coburn be released from his arrest —

The General court Martial, whereof Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Wheeler is president, is hereby dissolved.

JOHN COTTON SMITH

SHARON 14. April 1814

Dear Sir

I have only time to forward the foregoing order with a request that you will countersign & circulate it —

Will you be so good as to inform me whether the order relative to the sentence of the court Martial in the 2nd brigade reached you — and also what progress has been made in paying the militia —

In haste I am Dr sir
sincerely yours —

[Endorsed] General orders — approving sentence of Court Martial 5 — brigade 14. April 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID HUMPHREYS

[4:119]

15. April 1814 —

Dear Sir

Your valuable letter of the 11th instant is received I regret that a press of public business at this moment will oblige me to be very brief in reply —

The Success of the enemy at Saybrook is truly lamentable — Aware of the exposed condition of the vessels in the river and believing an attempt would [be] made to capture or destroy them at the first opening of the spring I apprized the national government of their situation in two several despatches dated 16th Decr and 5th February and united my solicitations with those of the citizens of Saybrook that a small body of regular troops might be stationed at Fort Fenwick. Receiving no assurances that a request so reasonable would be complied with, I consulted the Council on the Subject of placing a guard in the fort, under the authority of the State. The board were unanimously & decidedly opposed to the measure, and on grounds which I own were perfectly satisfactory but which time will not allow me to detail — Still it is very apparent that even a trifling force at that point would in all probability have prevented so serious a misfortune — Who then but the authors of this most atrocious war must be charged with these deplorable results —?

Unable as we manifestly are to defend our navigation I agree with you that every possible measure should be adopted to preserve our soil from profanation — Arms and ammunition have been distributed wherever they were desired — freely ordered to such Sections of the coast as have solicited them They have not indeed been tendered to those who have not asked for them, nor have they been allowed to individuals who belonged to no organized corps — We are deficient in heavy ordnance *

The sad account you give of the U. S. garrison in the harbour of N. Haven has induced me to yield at once to your advice And the Q. M. General is accordingly directed to cause the two *twelves* to be immediately mounted & given in charge to the volunteer company of artillery. —

Your Suggestions relative to the defence of the eastern states in the event of a protracted war are highly important and merit profound attention — But I must not enlarge having already passed the limits prescribed — I cannot however close without expressing my concern at the ill health of Mrs Humphreys — will you have the goodness to assure her of my very high respect & of my ardent wishes for her perfect restoration? —

I am My dear Sir most sincerely
& respectfully your obedient &
humble servant —

[Endorsed] To Genl Humphreys 15. April 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[4:120]

SHARON 15. April 1814 —

Sir

Your communication dated the 9th mailed the 11th instant was received yesterday evening — I deeply lament the disaster at Pettipaug, and the astonishing fa[c]ility with which the enemy accomplished his object. Apprehending such an enterprize

*Our light artillery is pretty advantageously distributed on the frontier & the Q. M. general is instructed to furnish them with new supplies of ammunition.

would be attempted I apprized the general government in two several despatches dated the 16th Decr & 5th February last of the necessity of stationing troops at Fort Fenwick and united my solicitations with those of the citizens of Saybrook that measures Should be taken for that purpose without delay — Receiving no assurances that a request so reasonable would be granted, I consulted the Council as to the expediency of placing a guard at the fort under the authority of the State. But that honourable body, were unanimously of opinion that as it was not expected the State had the means of defending the navigation Such a proceedure could not be justified — And whoever considers the paramount duty of the National govemt and its competency to afford the desired protection will not be disposed to doubt the correctness of this decision —

You do not state the number of arms nor the quantity of ammunition you require for your section of the coast — of course I am not enabled to be precise in my orders to the Q. M. General — I have however directed him to make immediate deposits of those articles at such points on the coast east of N. Haven & in such quantities as on inquiry may be necessary and furnish every description of ordnance within the same limits with new supplies of ammunition — It would be advisable for you to hold a communication with him as to the probable wants in your command —

I am Sir with much regard
your obt & hum. sert
J. C. S —

Major Genl W. Williams
[Endorsed] To Majr Genl Williams 15. April 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[4:121]

Sharon 15. April 1814

Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant is received. The occasion to which you refer no doubt justified the measure you thought proper to adopt. Great caution however should be used by

officers of the militia in calling out the force under their command, from the mere apprehension of an invasion — The other officers mentioned in your letter have made no report of their proceedings —

Having heard with much concern that the U. S. garrison in your harbour is in a very destitute condition I have directed the Q. M. General to cause two twelve pounders on the wharf to be immediately mounted and given in charge to the volunteer company of artillery — I trust you have a sufficiency of ammunition — if not you will be pleased to call on the Q. M. General, who will furnish the requisite supplies. Should fire arms be wanted Major General Hubbard will distribute under the regulations heretofore prescribed a number adequate to any emergency which may probably occur —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob^{t} & humble ser^{t}

B. Genl H. Howe
[Endorsed] To B. Genl Howe 15. April 1814

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:122]

Norwich 15 April 1814

My dear sir

The late desultory movement of the enemy into Connecticut River to the village of Pettipogue, the delay at that place with *impunity* for nearly twenty four hours, & their safe return after having destroyed so much property, cannot fail to excite much apprehension for the safety of the vessels in our bays & rivers, particularly for those which are in the River Thames & at Norwich Landing —

Cap Decatur has observed that two of the ships of the squadron under his command, are to be dismantled, & for that purpose are to come up the river to within about three miles of our wharves — The Navy Agent has been here to hire stores to receive the effects which are to be removed from the ships —

The destruction of those ships & the navigation in our river, the destruction of the effects which are to be removed & put into our Stores, also of about one hundred travelling carriages for large guns, which are building in this town & are nearly all completed, with the additional incitement of plundering our bank overflowing with specie of our own vault, & from the New London banks offer temptations almost irresistable, to the enterprize & cupidity of our enemy's brave tars — Under such impressions will your Excellency excuse my suggesting to you the expediency, & even the necessity of directing the Gen[l] Officers on our coast, & particularly of this Brigade & division to cause an immediate inspection of the troops under their command, & see that they are completely furnished & equipped for immediate service, that they agree on signals for the alarm of the militia, & for their repairing to the alarm posts on such alarm — that the officers commanding Matross companies be authorised & directed to have horses at their command for drawing their pieces, & waggons to transport military stores — That the Q M Gen[l] be directed to furnish suitable supplies of ammunition (if not already done) at such points & places as may in the opinion of your Excellency be expedient —

Report by the Stage informs us, that the armed vessels off N L Harbour, excepting a seventy four gun ship, went westward last evening, from which fact we are in expectation of accounts of some further depredation on our coast —

I am with much esteem
very respectfully
your excellencys humble serv[t]
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

Your excellencys letter covering a Gen[l] order
has been rec[d] & attended to — (I think of 24 Mar[ch])

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Via New Haven Chelsea Landing C[t] April 15 12½

[Endorsed] Adjutant General 15. April 1814 forwarded a gen[l] order 19th

PROOF OF POWDER

[4:123]

Minutes relative to Gun Powder proven 16 April 1814 at New Haven

N° 1	First trial	7	Degrees	sent by Q M G to Col° Staples to prove Cannon
	second d°	6	d°	
	third d°	6	d°	
N° 2	1st trial	8—	Degrees	Fixed Ammunition for the Governors Guards furnished by Q M G
	2d d	8—	d	
N° 3	1st trial	12½	degrees	Brandywine Duponts made to prove Muskets with
	2 d	12½	d	
	3 d	12	d	
N° 4	1st trial	11	degrees	Duponts purchased by the Fort Guards for Musket Cartridges
	2 d	12	d	
	3 d	12½	d	
N° 5	1st trial	9	degrees	Gorham & Louis
	2d d	9	d°	
	3 d	9	d°	
N° 6	1st trial	11	degrees	Massachusetts
	2 d	11	d	
	3 d	11	d	

N° 7	1st trial	12	degrees	Dupont, $23	
	2 d	13	d		
	3 d	12	d		
N° 8	1st trial	6 degrees		Cannon Powder	Æ
	2d d	6	d		
	3 d	6	d		
N° 9	1st trial	5½ degrees		Cannon Powder	Æ
	2 d	5—	d°		
	3— d	5—	d°		

Endorsed] Proof of Powder

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[4:124]

SHARON 16. April 1814
8'o'clock P. M.

Sir

Your despatch by Capt. Canfield is received — I doubt not the occasion has justified you in calling out a portion of the militia for the defence of your borough — Should an attempt be made upon the place I feel a strong confidence it will be repelled with a spirit becoming the militia of Connecticut — You will perceive the importance of retaining the men no longer than whilst the danger is imminent — If their services should probably be wanted for several days, you to give immediate notice to Col. Ward of Hartford the Commissary General to make provision for their Subsistence — I trust however this course will not be necessary —

I am Sir &c —

B. Gen[l] E. FOOTE

[Endorsed] To B. Gen[l] Foote — 16. April 1814 —

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:125]

BRIDGEPORT April 16th 1814 —

Sir An Enemys Ship & Brig full of Men Came to Anchor of Bridgeport Harbour Last eavening about Sun Set with Severil Barges they anchored as near the mouth of the harbor as posable with every appearance of Landing all our Vessels ware imedially run as far up the harbour as posable — the peopple being Very much allarmed those Vessels being the Same that did the damage at Saybrook a few days Sinc — I imedially Called my offiers together and Likewise the princapal part of the first men of this place to Consult Wheather I Should be Justified in Calling out the Militia it was unanimosly agreed and even imedially urged by all to Call out the neighbouring Militia — the Case appearing Clear in my mind of the propriety of the matter I ordered an allarum to be given and the Militia to assemble imedioly the night being dark few Came in til this morning We have now about 100 men under arms and in all provibilty Shall have 250 by 12 oclock Which is thought to be Suffisiant — the Vessels are at this moment Lying Close to the harbour Mouth but as the Wind has ben Northely Blowing Very heavy they have had no good time to Land as yet if they wished — the wind is now fair to go ether way which induces us to believe they have a desine on this place or they would not Ly here so near in with the Harbours mouth — I Shall keep about 250 or 300 men under arms until those Vessels Shift their position Less Suspitious unless I have an order from your Exelency to discharge them —

I am your obedient Humble
Sert ENOCH FOOTE Brigdr
Genl 4th Brigde

His Exelency J — C — SMITH Esqr

[Superscribed] His Exelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Capt General Sharron pr Express

[Endorsed] B. Genl E. Foote 16. April 1814 Recd & answered same day —

HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:126]

New Haven 16 April 1814

sir

A fresh alarm having been excited in this place by the appearance of three armed vessels of the Enemy off our harbour yesterday, — I have thought proper to order out for last night, — & also for this night — a small detachment from the second Regiment of Infantry, consisting of one Commissioned Officer, one Non Commissioned Officer, & twelve privates to serve as a guard, — I have also issued an order, to Lieu^{t} Col. Staples to detach from the second Regiment of Cavalry one troop of horse to be stationed as Videts in this, & other towns along the Coast, within the limits of the second Brigade.

As there is every reason to expect the visits of the Enemy through the ensuing season, should the War continue, & judging from the recent transactions at Saybrook, as well as by the disposition generally manifested by them, that their conduct will be more hostile than heretofore, I shall take such measures to guard against their operation, as shall in my opinion (guided by the advice of suitable Characters) appear most judicious, of which I shall from time to time inform your Excellency

The vessels have this day returned to the Eastward, without having made any attempts at landing.

Respectfully I am sir
Your Most Obed serv^{t}
Hezekiah Howe
Brigadier General
2 Brigade

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq
Captain General

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq Sharon
public service

[Endorsed] B. Genl H. Howe 16. April 1814 — rec^{d} 22nd
answ^{d} D^{o}

GENERAL ORDERS

[4:127]

SHARON April 19. 1814

Dear Sir

You will feel the importance of circulating the forgoing order, *if possible*, before the first monday in next month — Gen[l] Humphreys now here does me the honour of taking charge of this letter and will forward it to you from N. Haven as speedily as the mail will allow —

I have received your letter of the 15th instant & thank you for the information it contains —

I am D[r] Sir sincerely your
very ob[t] sr[t]

N. B. If there is no prospect of the order being disseminated by the day above mentioned, you may add a P. S. permitting the commissioned officers to perform the inspection of the men at their dwellings in the manner allowed by the order last summer, to prevent burdensome meetings of the militia —

Endorsed] General Orders 19. April 1814 — Copy —

PETITION BY SELECTMEN OF MIDDLETOWN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:128]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq[r]
Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the
State of Connecticut, the Petition of the Under-
Signed, Selectmen of the Town of Middletown,
respectfully sheweth:

That many valuable vessels lying at the wharves in Said Town, & other Property to a large amount, are exposed, without any adequate means of defence, to destruction by the enemy: that your Petitioners, from the inquiries, observations, & threats, Said to have been made by the British Force, in the late unfortunate incusion at Pettypauge, and from various other circumstances, which have recently come to their knowledge, are induced to believe, that an attack, for the purpose

of destroying the Said vessels, & otherwise injuring the Possessions of the inhabitants, is meditated; & that it will be carried into effect, whenever a convenient opportunity Shall appear.

The information of your Petitioners may be incorrect; their apprehensions may be groundless; but the event, which has occured in their vicinity, & to which they have alluded, while it evinces the intention of the enemy, forcibly impresses, upon their minds, the necessity of being prepared even for a possible invasion.

Wherefore they Pray your Excellency to grant the Town of Middletown, from the deposit of arms at Hartford for the use of this State, Five hundred Stands of musquets, & five or Six Pieces of cannon of a Suitable caliber, with a Sufficiency of ammunition, & all the apparatus requisite for actual Service: & that an order for the delivery of the Same to the undersigned, or their order, may be transmitted by the bearer of this Petition.

Your Petitioners, if it were important, would Suggest, that they are ready in behalf of the Town, to give ample Security, for the Safe keeping, & restoration to the State, on demand, of the arms aforesaid, or any quantity, which your Excellency, in your wisdom, may appoint for the Safety & defence of the Said Town: & your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will pray. —

MIDDLETOWN April 19. 1814

MICAH HUBBARD
THOMAS MATHER
SAMUEL WETMORE
Wm C. HALL
JOSIAH SAVAGE
GILES WILCOX
JOSHUA STOW
} Selectmen of the Town of Middletown.

[Endorsed] Selectmen of Middletown — Petition for arms of
recd 21. April — 1814 answd Do

TITUS HOSMER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:129]

MIDDLETOWN April 19th 1814

Sir,

The Bearer of this Letter Mr Richard Hubbard will deliver to your Excellency a petition from the Selectmen of Middletown for cannon, musquets, and ammunition to be deposited at this place. Serious apprehensions are entertained of a visit from the enemy to burn the Shipping here, which, in our present unprepared State, we Should find it difficult to frustrate.

A consciousness of strength from possessing the Means of defence, would encourage us to exertion, and induce the taking of effectual Measures, to prevent a repetition of the late disgraceful Scene at Pettipauge.

I beg leave to Suggest to your Excellency, that from our local situation, a deposit of the Guns & Ammunition requested, would enable us to render prompt assistance to our friends below, if the enemy Should again enter the river. Considering the kind of warfare to be expected, it is believed, that Middletown will be by far more convenient, as a place of Deposit for the Supplies requested, than Hartford.

If the public exigencies do not forbid we assure ourselves, that your Excellency will grant our requests. —

I am, with the highest respect,
your Excellency's most Obedient
Servant, TITUS HOSMER

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon.

[Endorsed] Hon[l] Mr Hosmer — 19. April 1814 rec[d] 21. —
answ[d] Do

[On inner leaf of the preceeding letter]

SHARON 21. April 1814

Dr Sir

In reply to your letter by Mr Hubbard I must refer you to the answer he bears from me to the application of the Selectmen of Middletown; having only time to assure you that I am Dr Sir very

Sincerely & respectfully your —

J. C. SMITH

Hon. Mr Hosmer —

JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:130]

His Excellency Govr Smith

My dear Sir

The white-wash brushes begin to travel Hartford Streets (a certain presage of election) & the Citizens feel disposed to offer Your Excellency the usual compliments on that occasion —

Will Your Excellency have the goodness to direct, what arrangements shall be made? — Where you will choose to me [sic.] met, & whether I shall provide a carriage? —

It has been stated in the papers that Decaturs Squadron was to be dismantled in Norwich River & secured there for the summer. But a Gentleman just returned from that quarter informs me that the order is countermanded, & that the United States Contractor has orders to make no more purchases for the present. This we think looks pacific —

Will Your Excellency accept the respects of

Your obedt servant

JOS. TRUMBULL

HARTFORD April 19. 1814 —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon —

[Endorsed] Col. Trumbull — 19. April 1814 —

GENERAL ORDERS

[4:131]

State of Connecticut —

General Orders —

April 19. 1814 —

From the recent movements of the hostile Squadron in our waters, there is reason to apprehend that further attempts will be made to invade the territory of this State, as well as to destroy the vessels in our harbours. The Captain General therefore calls upon every description of the military force of the State to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, completely equipped and furnished. The General officers of the Militia will cause an inspection to be made, without delay, of the troops under their command and will see that they are in every respect prepared as the law requires, for immediate Service; and the Captain General relies with confidence on the zeal and fidelity of the several officers in the performance of a duty so essential at the present juncture.

The General officers also on the coast will direct Suitable Signals within their respective commands, to assemble the troops with the least possible delay at such alarm-posts as they shall appoint. —

Should portions of the different corps, be assembled in presence of the enemy on any sudden emergency, to insure a concert of operations the Commander in Chief directs that the Senior officer in grade and Commission present Shall take command of the whole; but in Subordinate details that may be necessary on such an occasion, the men shall be commanded by their own officers —

The Quarter Master General has provided arms at different places of deposit to supply any unavoidable deficiency in that article; and the same officer will make proper arrange-

ments to remove ordnance and military stores in whatever direction the public Service may require —

By order of the Captain General and
Commander in chief —

[Endorsed] General Orders — 19. April 1814 — Copy — N° 3 referred to in N° 2.

PETITION FROM GOSHEN

[4:132]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith, Governor and Commander in chief in and over the State of Connecticut, the undersigned beg leave to represent that they are informed that a petition, signed by a number of the Inhabitants of the town of Goshen in the County of Litchfield, has been presented to your Excellency, requesting that one of the Military Companies in s^d^ Goshen may be dissolved; and intimating in a manner not to be misunderstood, that the interest of the Militia would be best promoted by dissolving and annihilating the Company of Light Infantry in s^d^ town. The undersigned, Officers and soldiers of s^d^ Company of Light Infantry, and other Inhabitants of s^d^ town of Goshen, consider it to be their duty to attempt a candid representation to your Excellency of their views and feelings as to the object of s^d^ Petition. We are are [sic.] sensible that neither of the Military Companies in Goshen, are large; but we think it will appear from the returns, that they are considerably more numerous, than represented in s^d^ Petition: and although the whole number on the muster rolls does not usually appear on days of excercise, yet it is certain that the account of the numbers is there taken at its very lowest rate. We can speak with more confidence in respect to the Light Infantry, than of the other companies; and as to this we can say, that on days of excercise its numbers are such as to render it respectable, and to excite spirit and animation amongst Officers and and Soldiers. — As to the dress and equipments, the disipline and soldier like appearance of this company, we think we might appeal with advantage to the officers

of the regiment generally; and if the decided approbation and frequent encomiums of the Brigade Inspector, are worthy of regard we would add the weight of these to the favour of this Company —

Some peculiarities of dress distinguish this company from the other Militia; these the members of this company have been at pains and expense punctiliously to procure. They have, as we trust, a laudable ambition to support the military character of the company. They could wish their number were greater; and as young men are daily coming forward, if the facilities for obtaining exemptions from military duty are limited by the law, we believe that the military companies in this town, will soon have less reason to complain of the smalness of ther numbers.

Under these circumstances we cannot but feel opposed to a disolution of the company of Light Infantry. We are not convinced of the expediency, and should almost doubt the justice, of such a measure.

If the interest of the regiment does imperiously require, that those who have enlisted into this company, procured the uniform required and done duty there several years, and more than all, have felt something of that zeal and pride which becomes the soldier, to distinguish themselves in disipline and apperance, must now be forced to witness their own military extinction, and be obliged to perform duty in others companies, they will many of them yield to it as a hardship. We cannot perceive what alteration of circumstances has rendered the existence of this Indepenant Company less proper now than at the time of its formation. It is certain that the inhabitants of this town have increased during the last twelve years, and if the number of the soldiery is less, it is to be accounted for from other causes, than a diminution of abled bodied men. But if, as our population increases, the number of our militia is decreasing, it does appear to us that true policy will direct the attention of government to other measures, than that of disbanding Companies, in order to enhance the respectability and strength of our military force.

As these are our sentiments we trust your Excellency will excuse the freedom with which they are expressed. And we shall have that [con]fidence in the proprity of the decision that will be made on this subject, that we shall acquiesce in it with cheerfulness, even though it should be mutch opposed to our own opinions and wishes. —

Dated at Goshen April 20th 1814

Frederick Buel
William Brown
Jon^a L. Hale
Noah Tuttle
Guy Wadhams
John H Collins
Philo Collens
David Wire
Washington Fox
Alfred C Thompson
Micajah Barnum
David Chamberlin
Moses Wadhams
David Merwin
Uriah Brown
Simeon Humphrey
David Miller
Joseph I Gaylord
Ephraim Towner
Oliver Humphrey

Capt Zachariah Spencer
Walker Prentice Lieu^t
Henry Burtch Ensign
Uri Merwin Serg
Stephen Hadley Serg^t
Nathan Cobb Serg^t
Alfred Walter
Augustus Miles
Anson Stocking
Israel Stoddard
Benjamin Price
Birdsey Tuttle
Christopher Perkins J^r
Andrew Kingsley
Alvin Kingsley
Hiram Norton
Ward Wire
John Beach
Andrew Rogers
Russel Brown
Samuel Wadhams
Lewis C Wadhams
Samuel Palmer J^un
Benjamin Allyn
Theron Humphrey
Augustus Hills
Amos M Haley

WILLIAM MILES
ENEAS RICHARDS
LYMAN FOX

[Endorsed] Remonstrance of the Lt Infantry company — Goshen —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM JONES

[4:133]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 20. April 1814 —

Sir

The late operations of the enemy at Saybrook and the disposition clearly manifested by the hostile squadron in the sound to infest with their armed barges our harbours, and destroy our vessels, if not to commit ravages upon shore, render it extremely desireable that some efficient System of protection Should be adopted. In the probable absence of other means I would respectfully and earnestly Suggest for the consideration of the President, the expediency of stationing a suitable number of Gun boats at the most exposed points on the sound westward of New London — As a harbour-defence especially in waters like these inaccessible to large ships of war, they would answer it is believed a very valuable purpose — A proportion of the flotilla now in the harbour of New York, employed say at Saybrook, New Haven & Bridgeport would contribute essentially to the safety of the coast and prevent those frequent alarms which are at once highly vexatious to the neighbouring militia, and expensive to the government — The great consternation which now prevails along the whole maritime frontier of the state gives peculiar urgency to the present application —

I have the honour to be
very respectfully Sir
your obedient & humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH —

The Honble WILLIAM JONES
Secretary of the Navy —

[Endorsed] To the Sec^y^ of the Navy — 20. April 1814 —

LINUS PARMELEE, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:134]

HADDAM April 21st 1814 —

Sir,

Having been informed since the departure of Lieut. Reuben Kelcey of the 2nd Compy of State Artillery, into the State of New York, that a person not a member of said Compy is to be, or, has been recommended to fill the vacancy occasioned by his removal; I have taken the liberty of addressing your Excellency upon the subject of the present situation of the company, and to state what I understand to be the expectations of its members. It is with reluctance that I trouble your Excellency upon a subject of this sort; — but having been active in establishing, and solicitous to preserve that degree of harmony which has so long, and so happily prevailed in the company, I feel a degree of anxiety when I am informed that measures are about to be resorted to, which are calculated to put an end to that harmony, which, I hope in the opinion of your Excellency will justify me in makeing this Communication.

The second Compy of State Artillery consists of about forty six noncommissioned officers & privates, one half of whom, were enlisted & actually reside in the Town of Haddam. They are with the exception of one or two, friends to the institutions and habits of the State of Connecticut, and are all of them young men of activity and enterprise, who sustain unexceptionable characters in society. Many enlisted with the expectation of promotion whenever vacancies should happen. At present there is no want of military ardor & enthusiasm in the company; but should an entire stranger be advanced to the command of a subaltern, it is to be feared that this ardor and enthusiasm will be much abated if not entirely distroyed. —

Lieut. Ely A. Elliott is a meritorious officer, & will undoubtedly be promoted. The office of 3rd Lieut. will of course be vacant. It may not perhaps be becomeing in me, to recom-

mend a person to fill that office. A mere statement of facts is all that I apprehend is necessary to be done, or proper under existing circumstances that I should do. —

Soon after the organization of the Comp^{y}, and a sufficient number were enlisted to justify the procedure; the noncommissioned officers were appointed. Warrants were given to the Serjts.. Thomas Church, Jr. of this place, although his warrant has never been numbered (and the other Serjts. are in the same situation as it respects their warrants,) has uniformly been called on to perform the duty of first Serjt., in the performance of which duty he has done honor to himself & advanced the improvement of the Company in military tactics. Mr. Church is a young gentleman who is beloved by the company. For further, and correct information relative to the private character and military talents of Mr. Church, I beg leave to refer your Excellency to Ezra Brainerd, Esqr & Mr Timothy Chapman Representatives in the Genl Assembly from this Town. They are personally acquainted with him.

I am, Your Excellencies
most Obedient
Servant
LINUS PARMELEE, JR.

His Excellency, JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esquire
Sharon Haddam Ct April 21st Paid 10

[Endorsed] State troops — nomination for a subaltern 2. C^{o} Artillery — From Linus Parmelee J^{r} 21. April 1814 —

Capt. Bray's Comp. Artillery — 2nd Lieut. vacant Ely Elliott recommended to fill that vacancy — Thomas Church Jr — a sergeant in the comp^{y} recommended by the Representatives Esqr Brainard & Capt. Chapman — & by Lieut. Parmelee for 3rd Lieut — great merit — Serjeants not numbered by the omission of Capt. Bray —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SELECTMEN OF MIDDLETOWN

[4:135]

SHARON 21. April 1814 —

Gentlemen —

Your communication under date of the 19th instant is received, It would afford me sensible pleasure to comply with your request in every particular, but unfortunately I am not enabled to furnish you with a single piece of ordnance — So deficient are we in that essential article that one of the artillery companies in the state troops remains wholly unsupplied —
I forward by the bearer orders to the Q. M. General to deposit arms and ammunition at Middletown — Having recently made considerable draughts upon the arsenal I cannot ascertain with precision what quantities can be spared, especially as many of the arms manufactured at Pittsfield are found defective — Of course I have allowed that officer to exercise his discretion in supplying you with a number not less than 200 nor more than 500 with proportionate ammunition and under an expectation that even a portion of these must be considered as deposited for further distribution if the public service shall so require — Regulations as to the manner in which the arms sent to different places are to be precured or issued have been heretofore adopted — Of these you will be apprized by the Q. M. General —
I have the honour to be gentlemen very respectfully your

obt servt —

MICAH HUBBARD Esqr and the other selectmen of Middletown —
[Endorsed] To Selectmen of Middletown — 21. April 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SELECTMEN OF SAYBROOK

[4:136]

SHARON 22. April 1814

Gentlemen,

Your communication under date of the 12th post marked the 14th instant did not reach me until last night — An order

is now forwarded to the Adj^{t} Genl in compliance with your request — The detachment will be made in the first instance from the 7th regiment for a short period of service. It will probably be succeded by a different arrangement — Altho the Council whom I consulted in February advised not to place a guard at Saybrook under the authority of the state, yet several circumstances, and particularly the new character likely to be given to the war should it be protracted, I consider as changing the ground of that opinion.

You are sensible Gentlemen that my repeated applications to the Genl Government in your behalf were wholly unsuccessful. Deeply therefore as your misfortunes are to be lamented you can be at no loss to attribute them to their proper cause —

I have the honour to be respectfully
Gentlemen your o^{t} & h^{m} ser^{t}
J. C. S —

G. W. Jewett Esqr & the other
selectmen of Saybrook
[Endorsed] To the Selectmen of Saybrook — 22. April 1814 —

REPRESENTATION FROM BRIDGEPORT

[4:137]

Bridgeport April 22^{d} — 1814

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Governour &c
May it please your Excellency

The citizens of Bridgeport impelled by cruel necessity with extreme reluctance once more present present [sic.] themselves before you with a request for that assistance from the State to which they believe themselves entitled in this hour of danger We will not however trouble your Excellency with a repetition of former statements on the same subject nor mention circumstances which must have fallen within your own observation when here but briefly state some late occurrancies which in addition to those statements and circumstances we fully believe warrant this application with a respectful confidence of its success —

On the 15th instant at about 5 Oclock P.M. the hostile ships from which so much evil has been experienced at Saybrook a week before came to anchor off the mouth of this harbor at about four miles distant. A number of barges or large boats were seen along side of the ships and the movements on board a little before sunset clearly indicated an intention of landing In this emergency an alarm of three guns was fired from our field piece on the hill which overlooks the Port The bells were rung as in case of alarm and at intervals continued so to ring through the night At the time the alarm was fired expresses were sent out by General Foot in every direction to summon in the militia While the citizens of the Borough & its vicinity were under arms as soon as circumstances would permit & guards were set at the chops of the harbor with whom constant communications were kept up during the night Providentially the extreme darkness of the night and a heavy wind blowing directly off shore aided perhaps by the simptoms of alarm & martial music kept up through the night (all of which must have been distinctly heard on board the ships) prevented a landing at that time — Notwithstanding the great exertions thus made to obtain assistance from the militia beyond our limits not more than fifty arrived until 12 O'clock the next day when the hostile ships departed — Colº Gershom Burr collected about one hundred of his regiment at Fairfield and held them in readiness there as exigencies might require — In Old Stratford the militia were detained for their own protection — Thus conditioned we could have made no attempt at defence with any the least prospect of benefit had a landing been attempted as at Saybrook We need not enlarge The Gentleman who goes express with this, Doctr David Rogers a respectable citizen and one of the Burgesses in the Corporation will be able to make such further communications as may be necessary to whom we therefore refer your Excelleny Having premised this much the subscribers as a committee for the purpose appointed at a meeting of the Warden Burgesses Civil Authority and other respectable Citizens of the Borough respectfully renew our request that a guard may be stationed at this Port and that the number of such guard may amount to one hundred

men That we deem as small a number as can probably afford us any efficient defence in case of an attack though half that number might serve as a watch to give us notice of approaching danger

We will further observe to your Excelleny that should our request be complied with the military talents and character of the Officer commanding will be to us very important

All which which is respectfully submitted
by your Excellencies most obed^{t} & very humble Servants

JOHN S. CANNON	Committi
LAMB^{t} LOCKWOOD	of the Citizens
EZEKIEL HUBBELL	of Bridgeport
SAMUEL HAWLEY	for obtaining
JOSEPH BACKUS	a Guard
WILLIAM PEET	

[Superscribed] His Excellency the Governour of the State of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Bridgeport representation 22. April 1814 rec^{d} & answ^{d} 23rd

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[4:138]

SHARON 22. April 1814

Sir

I have this day received your letter of the 16th inst. *by Mail* — I regret that you ordered out a troop of cavalry to be *stationed* as a guard without apprizing me of such a step *by express* — A patrol of Horse at N. Haven under the present

circumstances of the coast is undoubtedly a wise measure of precaution; but it should be regularly conducted — Altho' I should have justified you in issuing a provisional order until you could receive instructions, a moment's reflection will convince you that the course you have taken is liable to exception. How do the men obtain their subsistence? — Have you felt yourself empowered to require the Commissary General to furnish them with supplies? — These questions are asked merely to show that to order out a force on a Sudden alarm, and to station troops are distinct things — Whilst any officer having a command is competent to the former, (*provided he communicates the fact "forthwith"* agreeably to the law) the latter cannot be done even by the Commander in chief but in virtue of a late special resolve of the General Assembly.

Notwithstanding these remarks, which the occasion has rendered necessary, I most readily acquit you Sir of any improper motives — indeed I sincerely believe you to have been actuated by the best intentions, and I entertain no doubt you will be fully indemnified — I apprehend a *Subaltern's command* of cavalry, the number heretofore employed, will be sufficient to serve as Videttes — You will therefore keep up that force until further orders & dismiss the remainder — or if in your opinion a guard may be dispensed with at an earlier day you will in that case discharge the whole — Instructions are now forwarded to the Commissary General to furnish Subsistence and forage — As Several days may elapse before he will be prepared, you are desired in the mean time to see that provision is made on as reasonable terms as possible — In the event of an attack other and more efficient means are at hand, and must be employed. Your duty in this respect is plain and will, I am entirely persuaded, be faithfully performed —

I am Sir with much esteem and
regard your ob^{t} & hm^{l} Ser^{t}

J. C. Smith

Brig^{d} Genl Howe —

[Endorsed] To B. Genl H. Howe 22. April 1814.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[4:139]

SHARON 22. April 1814 —

Dear Sir

In consequence of the urgent application I have received you will be pleased to issue an order for a detachment from the 7th regiment (the one I mean lately commanded by Col. Sill) to consist of forty men including the proper commissioned and non commissioned officers to be stationed as a guard at or near Fort Fenwick in Saybrook, and to serve 20 days from their arrival at the rendezvouz unless sooner relieved or discharged — The necessary details of the order are confided to your good sense and discretion — It is not my wish to place in command a higher officer than a Lieut. If therefore the number is too large for a subaltern you will reduce it somewhat; & yet I am willing to make it as respectable a guard as such a command will allow —

— The Secretary of War in his letter of the 9th August last requested that whenever militia were called into Service notice might be given to the U. S. contractor to Supply the rations &c — He possibly intended or will say he intended such militia as were called out *on requisition* — No requisition in this instance is made & still I am desirous you should notify the contractor at N. London — if he complies — well — if not our Commissary must furnish supplies — Major Goddard who I believe is both D. Com. & D. Q. M. G. will perhaps feel himself justified in commencing supplies before he receives order from his principals — but I shall also write them on the subject — The guns should be replaced at the fort — Col. Mix has my order to send fresh supplies of ammunition into your quarter & I trust has not been negligent in executing them —

The destruction at Pettipaug is precisely what I predicted to the Genl Govt in 2 several despatches dated 16th Decr & 5th Feby unless they stationed a force at Saybrook which I earnestly requested — The Council whom I consulted in Feby would not advise to a guard under state authority — But as

the embargo is removed & circumstances have materially varied I deem it proper to be done for the present — Should authentic information of an armistice reach you before the receipt of this, or after — in the former case you will refrain from issuing the order & in the latter countermand it —

You have doubtless ere this rec^{d} the gen^{l} Orders for an inspection &c —

I can only add that I am Dr Sir
very Sincerely yours —

[Endorsed] To the Adjutant Genl 22. April 1814 de guard at Saybrook —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO COMMITTEE AT BRIDGEPORT

[4:140]

SHARON 23. April 1814 —

Gentlemen

I have received your communication by Doct. Rogers, who has also fully represented to me the exposed condition of your borough and the wishes of its citizens — The same gentleman will bear from me an order to Col. Tim^{o} Shephard of the State troops to detach from his regiment a guard to be stationed at Bridgeport consisting of forty five men including commissioned and non commissioned officers to serve thirty days from their arrival at the place of destination, unless sooner relieved or discharged — We have no Surplus ordnance — The whole number of guns are already appropriated and still there is a deficiency — but I Shall direct the Q. M. General to Supply a part of your Matross company with muskets — You will be pleased gentlemen to provide if possible a comfortable shelter for the men now to be sent to you — The tents belonging to the state are understood not to be in condition at present for service — Doct. Rogers will mention other particulars which time will not allow me to communicate —

I have the honour to be respectfully
gentlemen your ob^{t} & humble ser^{t}
J. C. S

JOS. BACKUS Esq — & others committee

[Endorsed] To com^{ee} of Bridgeport Copy — 27. April 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO TIMOTHY SHEPHERD

[4:141]

State of Connecticut

Col. Timothy Shepherd 1 Reg^{t} State troops —

Sir —

You will be pleased to detach from your regiment forty five men including two Subalterns, two Sergeants two corporals & two musicians to be stationed as a guard at Bridgeport and to serve thirty days from their arrival at the place of destination, unless sooner relieved or discharged — You will direct the officer commanding the detachment to keep correct muster-rolls and to report to you from time to time as you shall require — The Commissary General of the State is instructed to furnish the necessary supplies —

Given under my hand the 23rd day of April AD 1814 —

J. C. Smith Cap. Genl

[Endorsed] Order to Col. Shephard State troops de guard at Bridgeport

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:142]

Norwich 23^{d} April 1814

dear sir

By last evenings mail I am honored with your excellencys favour of the 14th which was accompanied by a general order of the same date — I have sent the order to the inspectors of the 5th brigade for publicity through the brigade — The Genl order for cashiering the officer in the 2^{d} brigade was sent to Genl Howe to be issued to his brigade — I believe I have formerly mentioned to your excellency, that by direction of the late Governour Trumbull, the proceedings of Courts Martials, have been communicated to the brigades *only*, constituting the Courts —

The district pay master having furnished me with blank forms for muster & payrolls I forwarded the same to Gen[l] Foot & Gen[l] Howe with necessary instructions for completing them, & directing, that when so completed they should be forwarded to the district pay master for payment. — since which I have had no information on the subject — As the war department requires *mustering* before payment, would it not be expedient to notify Gen[l] Foot & Gen[l] Howe that in every instance (where payment will be required for the troops who may be called out), to have the men inspected if practicable by some officer of the United States troops & obtain his certificate of such muster — The difficulty of obtaining the necessary documents, if omitted in the first instance, renders it expedient to attend to the subject of mustering — as without it, your excellency is exposed to much vexation & trouble —

I wrote your excellency the 15 *via* New Haven to which I have rec[d] no reply —

Monday 25th The district pay master informs me that none of the returns have yet been made to him —

I am with much respect & esteem
yours very sincerely
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

I have broken the seal this 25 Ap[l] 5 °Clock P M to acknowledge the rec[t] of your excellencys favour of the 19 & a general order of same date just rec[d] which shall be attended to without delay

I subscribe sincerely & respectfully yours
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Adj[t] Gen[l] 23. April 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[4:143]

SHARON 23rd April 1814 —

Sir

In consequence of pressing solicitations just received, I have issued orders for a guard to be Stationed at Saybrook — You will therefore perceive the importance of forwarding your supplies to the coast & to that point particularly as speedily as possible —

By the report of Col. Buell which has this day come to hand I observe with pleasure that the arms in his possession are not so very bad as was at first apprehended — 253 out of the 341 have stood the proof and are cleaned repaired, boxed and ready for transportation — would it not be best to take from this quantity such arms as you propose sending into the 3rd division? — I submit the question to your discretion —

I am Sir respectfully your
very obt servt —

N. B. The artillery company at Bridgeport is large & they have but one field piece I could wish one box of arms to be sent to Genl Foote for their use in case of emergency — The Genl to be responsible for them as is prescribed in other cases —

Col. MIX Q.M.G. — J. C. SMITH

[Endorsed] To Col. Mix Q.M. General 23. April 1814 —

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:144]

HARTFORD April 25th 1814

His Excellency Govr Smith

Sir

I was at New Haven on the 15th & 16th Instant, when the ships of the Enemy appeared off the mouth of the harbor, and there being considerable apprehension of danger, at the request of the civil Authority & Selectmen, I ordered Major Stanley of the Artillery, to issue an order to Captn Gates of Derby, to

hold himself & his Company &c ready to march at short notice, to New Haven, to cooperate with the military & citizens, in defending the Town & Shipping, against the attemps of the Enemy — I left New Haven on the 18th, at which time the ships had gone up sound, & the apprehension of danger, had, in a considerable degree subsided —

The Law establishing the Military Corps, does not authorise the Commander, nor any subordinate officer, to call out any part of it, without orders from the Commander in chief, but as the emergency was pressing, I ventured to do it, upon the presumption, that I should have been so ordered, if seasonable information could have been communicated to your Excellency — I hope my proceeding will meet your Excellency's approbation — I very much wish to know, whether your Excellency would have me exercise my discretion, as to calling out any portion of the Corps, upon the occurrance of any of the cases, contemplated by the act establishing it, when the emergency is so pressing, as not to admit of a communication, with the Commander in chief —

I am extremely mortified, that I have not yet been able to make a return of the Corps to your Excelly — the returns to me have been so deficient, that it has been impossible — The Commanders of the Regiments of Infantry, make great complaints of the negligence of their Captains — I have issued a very strict order upon this subject, which I hope will prove effectual — Next week, I shall transmit to your Excellency, a return of the Corps, as nearly compleat as I shall be enabled to do, from the returns made to me — I am very respectfully your Excellys

most obedt servt NATHl TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excelly Govr SMITH Sharon Contt Mail

[Endorsed] B. Genl N. Terry 25. April 1814 recd 28th answd 29th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[4:145]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 28 April 1814

Sir. —

The menacing operations of the enemy in the Sound Since the success at Saybrook have made it necessary for the purpose of allaying the apprehensions of the inhabitants and preventing numerous calls of militia, to station guards at the most exposed places. — Orders are accordingly issued for a subaltern's command to be kept at Saybrook, New Haven and Bridgeport, until the determination of the President is known respecting the defence of this part of the sea-coast This precautionary measure, I trust will meet his approbation

I have the honour to
be sir with great respect
your obedient & humble
servant.
JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Honorable
The Secretary of War

[Endorsed] Copy of John Cotton Smith's letter to Secretary of War — April 28 — 1814

TIMOTHY MITCHEL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:146]

John Cotton Smith Esqr Capt —
Genl Commander In Chief In & over
the State of Connecticut —Sir

Whereas there is Difficulty arose in the 7th C^o In the Town of Sherman Belonging to the 29 Reg^t Under my Command — thier is rising of one hundred enroled in that C^o — & as their is not but one Lightinfantry C^o in the Reg^t — I wish for Liberty & orders to raise another one — I have Called my Mag^rs & my staff together at Sherman took a vote of the C^o their was a magority of ten to raise a Lightinfantry — I

Drew a sort of an Enlistment for that purpose — whitch I do hereby Enclose to you & the names of those Enlisted hoping that I shall receive orders for the Same —

TIMOTHY MITCHEL Lieu^{t}
Co^{l} 29 Reg^{t}

WASHINGTON April
the 28 — 1814

The Barrer Mr John M Ford who is My Ag^{t} Can inform you the situation of the Reg^{t} & the necessity of haveing a Light-infantry formed in the Town of Sherman

[Superscribed] His Excellency J. C. SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. Tim^{o} Mitchell 29th Reg^{t} — Application for a Light infantry company in s^{d} Reg^{t} town of Sherman — Attend —

DANIEL N. BRINSMADE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[4:147]

WASHINGTON April 28th 1814

Respectful Sir.

By request of Col. Mitchel I shall Trouble your Excellency but a moment — The Town of Sherman is in a very broken undivided State without a leader whom they will follow or obey — and some of their best men think it will be conducive of good & tend to put an end to their Divisions if their military Company should be divided and a Company of Light Infantry be made of one of them —

T[he] Col has attended to the Business very accurately [and] under all Consideration he thinks it best to have the Company divided — Major Hubbel vo[ted] one way & uses his Influence another, on the whole his Conduct is such as he is not to be regard^{d} as of any Moment — I trust on Examination & on the Information of Mr Ford the bearer you will think it expedient to divide the Company

I am with respect your humble
Servant DAN^{l} N. BRINSMADE

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon

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JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NATHANIEL TERRY

[4:148]

SHARON 29. April 1814 —

Dear Sir

I have received your favour of the 25th instant — The orders you thought proper to issue to Major Stanley under the circumstances of the case were very prudent, and are entirely approved — So far as the right may devolve on me I readily impart to you as Commandant of the State Corps the like powers possessed by officers having command in the militia in calling out the troops on a Sudden emergency as contemplated by the act for forming & conducting the military force of this State, giving notice thereof to the Commander in Chief in the manner prescribed by that Act —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely
your obt & humble sert

B. Gen1 TERRY —

[Endorsed] To B. Gen1 Terry 29. April 1814

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:149]

To the Honorable General Assembly now in Session

The Committee appointed by your honors to take into Consideration that part of his Excellency's Speech which respects the progress of the War and defence of the Sea Coast —Report

That the number and description of troops required of this State by order of the President of the United States (viz one Captain, three Lieutenants — four Serjeants, four Corporals, two musicians and Sixty privates of Artillery to be stationed at Saybrook and Killingworth — a subaltern, two serjeants, two Corporals, two musicians and thirty four privates of infantry to be stationed at Bridgeport, a Subaltern, two Serjeants, two Corporals, two musicians and thirty four

privates of infantry to be Stationed at Stonington point — These troops together with the troops of the United States now Stationed in this State will be necessary for the defence of the sea coast of this State.[)] The Committee are therefore of opinion that those troops be furnished According to the requisition —

The progress and events of the war may render it necessary to station a larger force at those places mentioned and also to extend protection to other places on the Sea coast not mentioned above. But as his Excellency the Commander in Chief is vested with full powers to order out such force as from time to time may be required or needed, your Committee are of opinion that no further Legislative aid is necessary at the present time —

Those troops required of this State are to be provided for and Supported by the United States, But your Committee are apprehensive that the United States may not pay the troops required of this State at the time their term of Service expires, And your Committee believe that it will not only be the wish and expectation of the troops to be paid, but also that it will be for the honor and interest of the State to pay them.

Your Committee are also informed that the term of service of the troops stationed at Bridgeport expired on the 28th Instant and that no provision was made for their Payment —

Your Committee therefore to provide for both these Cases Submitted the Resolve which they laid before the General Assembly on the 20th instant

The Committee further find, that during the progress of the war, the ample powers which have been vested in the Captain General have been exercised in a manner that entitles his Excellency to the entire confidence of this Legislature and the Citizens of the State

Signed by Order

HENRY CHAMPION Chairman —

Gen[l] Assembly May 1814
Accepted and approved in the house
of Rep[s] Attest Ch[s] Denison Clk
Concurred in the Upper House
Attest
Thomas Day, Secretary
A true Copy as on file
Examined by
Thomas Day Secretary
[Endorsed] Report of Joint Committee —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:150]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved by this Assembly that in case the Defence of the State shall require a greater Sum of Money than there shall be in the Treasury the Commander in Chief shall be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause to be borrowed on the credit of this State such sum or sums as the exigencies of the State shall require before the meeting of the General Assembly in October next not exceeding one hundred Thousand Dollars.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
Thomas Day Secretary
[Endorsed] Resolve de Loan —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:151]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved by this Assembly that the Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause to be examined and proved the Musketts, which were received on a

Contract between the Quarter Master General of the State and Lemuel Pomeroy which have not already been proved by Elisha Buel Esquire, and that the same be proved in the same mode, as is provided for in said contract, and if practicable by the first day of October next.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de Muskets.

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:152]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved by this Assembly, that the Commander in Chief be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause four thousand weight of Grape Shot to be purchased for the Use of the State; and that he also be authorized and requested to cause to be purchased such other Munitions of War as the defence of the State may, hereafter in his opinion require.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de Munitions of War purchase of Grape Shot & other munitions as may be necessary —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4-153]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May, A. D. 1814

Resolved by this Assembly that the Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause Row-Guards to be established in such of the Harbours or Waters

of this State, as the protection of the State may require — and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause to be employed, such part of the Military force of the State, and such Mariners and Boats or other Water Craft, as, in his opinion may be necessary to effect the object.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de row-guards — —

PETITION FROM SAYBROOK

[4:154]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut.

The Undersigned, Inhabitants of Say Brook and other Towns on Connecticut River, would respectfully represent.

That the War in which the United States are engaged is with a nation possessing most extensive means of annoying our Sea-coast, and Say-Brook, a frontier Town, Long Island Sound on the South, Connecticut River on the east, is particularly exposed to invasion by the Enemy, who may have access in deep water on two sides — and is one of those vulnerable points which in time of War, requires to be garrisoned — its importance to the State, is second to none save New Haven and New London.

That its present situation in regard to the Enemy, whose force in Long Island Sound is frequently increased, is extremely embarrassing and unpleasant — and appears to be growing more so than hitherto, because they have made themselves acquainted with our weakness.

That it seems reasonable, since they have visited Pettipague, to apprehend a repetition of hostile invasions — and we have no guarantee that conflagration and plunder on the Land will not ensue.

That since the repeal of the Embargo Law, the harbour of Say-Brook, has become the resort of many Coasting vessels daily — and this craft will of course invite the attention of the Enemy.

That under existing circumstances, a great many of the Inhabitants are deterred from pursuing their accustomed avocations, particularly ship building, lest in the present defenceless state of the place, their vessels should be burnt on the stocks.

That in the opinion of the Undersigned, the importance of Connecticut River, requires something permanent should be established during the War — for it may be justly remarked, that scarcely a day passes without the appearance of the Enemy in Ships or Boats near this place —twice since their visit to Pettipague, they have been in the River by day-light, drove several vessels ashore — took one in the River not 50 Rods from Fort Fenwick, and two others near the light-house —whereas the presence of a small force well appointed and provided, would prevent the Enemy from taking vessels in the River.

That the loss of property at Pettipague may be fairly estimated to exceed 150,000 dollars — a serious loss to the Town, which many years of prosperity will not retrieve — and this destruction of property bespeaks in language stronger than any other, the necessity of guarding against a similar incursion.

That it appears to the Undersigned, that the large amount of floating property owned by Citizens of this State, which passes in and out of the River, is worthy the ample protection of Government. We apprehend that in general its magnitude is not duly appreciated.

That in the opinion of the Undersigned, a Company of artillery with Field-pieces would be the most efficient defence which could be immediately furnished — and in addition, several heavier guns on the fort, would render the situation tolerably secure, provided there should be a sufficient number of Men stationed for the purpose. We place confidence in the detachment now on duty, but their numbers and means of defence are unequal to the object — indeed untill the Fort is put in order, no Guns can be essentially useful, except on travelling Carriages —

That your petitioners look with confidence to your Excellency for that protection which a very small expence would give to an important River and harbour — and at the same time afford security to the Citizens of the Town of Say Brook May 1814 —

Wm Hart
Daniel Kirtland
Ambrose Whittelsey Junr
Rufus Clark
Reuben Spencer
Nathaniel Clark
Henry Lynde
Jeremiah Denison
Augs Bushnell
Noah Walker
Ethel Dee
Gideon Stone
John Shipman
Humphry Pratt
Jno P. Lay
W L Champlin
Samuel Huntting
John C. Ely
George Wolcott
Aaron Brainerd
Comfort Pratt
Henry R. Wolcott
Timothy Pratt
Timo Green E. Haddam —
Richd Dickinson
Reul Hayden 2nd
Saml M Hayden
Noah Scovill
John G. Hayden
Sam R Mather
Ezra S Mather
Wm Marvin

Giles Blague Junr
Stephen Brooks
Enoch Sizer
Asahel Wheeler
Pardon Post
John Spencer
Elias Shipman Jnr
Daniel Kirtland Jn
Culleck Ely Jr
Samuel Dickinson
Jno Ingraham Jr
Richard Dickinson Jr
Wm Spencer E. Haddam
Samuel Ingraham
James Greenfield
John James
S. — Mather
Charles Dosset
William Willard
George Pratt
Willoughby Lynde
Giles Blague

Samuel Stilman
Benjn Dowd
Wm Clark
Wm Lord
Wm Lynde
Fred Wm Hotchkiss
Ebenr Ingham 1st
John Whittelsey

Jesse Murray
Uriah Hayden
Prentice Pendleton
George Post
Ebenezer Hayden
Asa Williams
Danforth Clark
Benjamin Williams
Aaron Hovey
Elisha Mather
Elias Shipman
Sam[l] Kirtland
Timothy Pratt J[r]
Elisha Sill
Sam[l] Lynde
Jonathan Lay
Sylvester Selden
Nathan Kirtland
James N Redfield
Alanson Redfield
John Stannard
Joy Post
Julius Pratt
Samuel Hart J[r]

Amos Sheffield
John Kirtland

Samuel Tully
Sam[l] Carter

[Endorsed] Saybrook Petition —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:155]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to cause the Iron Ordnance, belonging to this State, which on proof has been or may be found defective, and unfit for Service, to be sold and disposed of to the best advantage, for the benefit of the State — as also to cause such Ordnance as is fit for

service and which may be unnecessary for immediate use to be collected together in such place or places, as is judged proper and convenient; and that proper measures be adopted for the preservation thereof.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY, Secretary.

[Endorsed] Resolve de ordnance Sale of defective guns & preservation of those that are sound —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:156]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause to be reclaimed and recovered all Iron Ordnance and Munitions of War belonging to this State, which are in the possession of or with-held by any person or persons.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY, Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de ordnance Reclaiming such as may be in private hands —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[4:157]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814. —

Resolved by this Assembly, that there may be contributions in the several religious Societies and Congregations in this State on the first Sabbath in May annually, (and if that day on account of any disadvantageous circumstances should

be inconvenient, the contribution may be on any other Sabbath in that month,) for the term of three years; and the Ministers or Clerks of such Societies or Congregations shall receive and pay over such contributions to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, and the monies so paid over, shall be appropriated by the Trustees of said Missionary Society to the annual expenditures of said Society (and not to their permanent Fund) for the Support of such Missionaries as they shall from time to time employ in preaching the Gospel in those Settlements in the United States where the Ordinance of the Gospel are not established; and shall annually exhibit to the General Assembly and to the Missionary Society an account of the receipts and expenditures of such contributions.

And his Excellency the Governour is requested annually to issue his Proclamation accordingly. —

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

Issued proclamation at Hartford 23. Feby 1815

[Endorsed] Resolve of Genl Assembly — de Missionary Society — May 1814 —

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[5:1]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved by this Assembly that should the United States omit to pay the wages by them allowed to the troops required of this State at the time their respective terms of service expire, His Excellency the Governour is requested to order and direct that the Militia and State Troops of this State now called, or that may be called into service by His Excellency, pursuant to a requirement of the National Government, for the defence of this State, be paid the wages to them due at the time their term of service expires — And also that he be requested to direct and order that the State Troops now stationed at Bridge-

port, whose term of service expires on the 28th instant, be paid off previous to their being dismissed: The whole to be paid out of any unappropriated funds of this State by an order from His Excellency the Governour.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Sec^y

[Endorsed] Copy of resolution concerning payment of troops — passed 26th May 1814

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[5:2]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved by this Assembly, that the Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause, such of the Iron Ordnance of this State, as in his opinion the exigencies of the State require; to be mounted on travelling or other carriages, and rendered in all respects fit for service; and distributed to such Companies, as shall appear to him expedient.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Sec^y

[Endorsed] Resolve de Ordnance Mounting &c

RESOLVE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[5:3]

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford in said State on the second Thursday of May A. D. 1814.

Resolved by this Assembly, that the Commander in Chief be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause the powder belonging to this State to be examined and proved; and in case the same or any part thereof shall be found defective or insufficient in strength, to cause the same to be dis-

posed of, and replaced by the purchase of other powder of a good quality.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de Powder

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:4]

HARTFORD May 2d 1814

His Excellency Govr Smith
Sir

Inclosed is a return of the State Corps, as nearly compleate as I have been enabled to make it from the returns to me —

I am frequently applied to by the Officers of the Corps, for orders to call out the men by Companies, for training the four days directed by the Law, but I have not deemed it to be my duty to issue any, as this power is expressly given to the Commander in chief by the 7th par. of the act establishing the Corps — I have presumed to mention this matter, because I have tho't it probable, that it might have escaped your Excellency's recollection — — I am

with the highest respect your Excellency's
Mo. obedt Servt NATHl TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excy Govr SMITH Sharon Contt Mail paid 10

[Endorsed] Return of Troops by Genl Terry 2. May 1814

A Return of the Military Corps, established for the defence of the State, for April 1814 — —

Infantry

First Regiment	Colo	1
	Lieut Colo	1
	Majors	2
	Captains	9

	Lieutenants	17	No Return of the 3d Company of this Regiment
	Ensigns	9	
	Serjeants	29	
	Corporals	25	
	Drumers	15	
	Fifers	12	
	Privates fit for Duty	406	
	Do sick & unfit for duty	5	
	Do enlisted & absent from the State	14	
	Do Do & since enlisted in to U .S. service	8	
	Do Do & since dead	5	
	Tot.	558	

cond Regiment	Colo	1	
	Majors	2	
	Adjt	1	
	Qr Master	1	
	Captains	8	No return of the 7th Company of this Regiment
	1st Lieutenants	8	
	2d Lieutenants	6	
	Ensigns	7	
	Serjeants	31	
	Corporals	27	
	Drummers	15	
	Fifers	14	
	Privates	429	
	Tot	550	

Squadron of Cavalry	
Major Command^{t}	1
Captains	4
Lieutenants	7
Cornets	4
Serjeants	12
Corporals	10
Musicians	3
Privates	99
	140
Battallion of Artillery	
Major Command^{t}	1
Captains	4
Lieutenants	12
Serjeants	12
Corporals	12
Drummers	4
Fifers	4
Privates	161
Tot	210

NATH^{l} TERRY Brigad^{r} Genl Comd^{t} of the Military Corps of the State

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:5]

NORWICH 2^{d} May 1814

dear sir

In obedience to your excellency's favour of the 19th Ult^{o}, I gave immediate publicity to the orders of that date, by forwarding a circular to each Brigadier including Genl Humphreys & General Terry, presuming from the 2^{d} paragraph of the order, that such must have been your intention — The militia of this vicinity must have rec^{d} the order in season to have it known this day — & by the P S which your excellency directed, I think the inspections in the other brigades will be

completed this week — Our safety if permitted, will be owing to the want of enterprize of an enemy, not from our own preperation or watchfulness — A general supiness prevails in our country, which nothing can rouse — The patient succumbing to the encroachments of the Gen[l] Government & the applause bestowed on them by so many during their mad career of weakness & wickedness, are too strong symptons, to need any other proof — but if further proof should be wished — the patience manifested during the fluctuations of the public counsells is conclusive —

As it is frequently convenient to distribute the blank returns to the militia at an early period — will your excellency be pleased to prepare such orders as you may wish to accompany them —

I am with respect & esteem
yours very sincerely —
EBEN. HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Chelsea Landing C[t] May 2 12 ½ —

[Endorsed] Adj[t] Gen[l] 2. May 1814 —

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:6]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq[r]

These may inform you that I have removed out of the limits of the 8th Company of the 5 Regiment in the 5th Brigade of Militia of this State into the first Bigade of s[d] State I therefore request your Excellency to give me a dismission from Military duty it being very inconvenient for me to take the care of said Company under my Command I therefore offer this my Resignation wishing for you Sir to except the same and grant Orders to lead said Company to the choice of a Captain and to fill other Vacancies as may be necessary may it please your Excellency the reason of my makeing application to your Excellency for a Dismission General Holmes is re-

moved out of the limits of s^{d} Bigade these from your most obedient Servant

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN Capt

WILLINGTON May 2nd 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Hartford Favored Jr. Mr Walker Willington
[Endorsed] Capt. Benjn Chapman 8th Com. 5th Reg^{t} application for a discharge — order issued for a choice 14. May 1814 —

OGDEN S. ACKLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:7]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Captain General & Commander in Chief of the Military Force of the State of Connecticut— Highly Respected Sir

Having been honoured with the Cornets Commission in the 1stTroop of the Squadron of State Cavalry I take the liberty of a[ski]ng a discharge from the Service — With high respect and Esteem Your [ ]d &c

CHATHAM May 5th 1814 OGDEN S ACKLEY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Captain General
State of Connecticut
[Endorsed] Resignation of Cornet Ackley — accepted

CONTRACT FOR ARMS

[5:8]

Copy

Whereas I Lemuel Pomeroy of Pittsfield County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have sold and delivered to John Mix Quarter Master General of the State of Connecticut thirteen hundred musketts for the use of said State of Connecticut, under a Contract mutually entered into betwixt us the said Pomeroy and Mix dated Sepr 12, 1812. And whereas it since appears that some of said Musketts have defective Barrels, with holes or cracks through them, and are unfit for real use. I do therefore hereby promise and engage

to the said Mix for and in behalf of said State of Connecticut to receive all the musketts of that description that have been or shall be discovered; and the same replace with those of a good and substantial quality in every respect: I will also receive and replace all whose barrels shall burst, on further proof, with the same charge, that is pointed out, in and by the said Contract the Arsenal at Hartford to be the place where I am to receive all defective guns of the above descriptions and return good ones, at the same place in their stead — The above musketts, which are now in the Arsenal to be proved and inspected previous to the first day of October next, and said Pomeroy to have seasonable notice of the time when it will be done — And I also engage to replace all such as prove bad or defective as above mentioned within sixty days as above mentioned within sixty days after I have information thereof. HARTFORD May 7, 1814

LEMUEL POMEROY

[Endorsed] Lemuel Pomeroy's contract for arms —

EXTRACT FROM CONTRACT FOR ARMS

[5:9]

that the said Lemuel Pomeroy will manufacture for the use of the State of Connecticut thirteen hundred Stand of Musketts, with ramrods & bayonets complete & it is agreed between the parties to this Instrument, that the barrels of the said Musketts shall be three feet six Inches in length and of the same Calabre, which has been adopted by the Government of the United States, corresponding with the French Charleville musketts, the weight of barrel shall not be less than four pounds four ounces & not more than five pounds four ounces; that each & every of the said Barrels shall be subjected to, and sustain the same proof that is required by the United States, for the Musketts, which have been fabricated for their use. that is to say, for the first charge the eighteenth part of a pound of powder (one ounce of which will carry, a twenty four pound shot, eighty yards, from a royal pouit [howit] of a five and a half inch calabre), a ball which will met the Calebre &

two wads of paper: and for the second charge the one and twentieth part of a pound of powder and the same size of ball with Wads as before. It is further agreed that the ramrods & bayonets shall be of Steel that the Letters S C T shall be stamped on the barrel and plate of the lock, that the Stocks shall be of black walnut: and that in all respects the musketts shall be finished in a substantial & workmanlike manner, subject to the inspection of the said Quarter Master General, who shall inspect the musketts at said Pomeroy's factory.

[Endorsed] Extract from the contract between the Q. M. Gen[l] & L. Pomeroy —

ELISHA WHITTLESEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:10]

To his Excellency John C. Smith Esq.

Sir

I offer you my resignation of the command of the 1st Comp[e] of 1st Reg[t] of Connecticut State Troops. Being soon to remove from this State, with the prospect of residing permanently in another, at too great a distance to be able to engage in the service of a soldier here — And this being unexpected at the time of receiving my commission, I pray you will discharge me from further duty in the State Corps, & receive my grateful acknowledgements for the appointm[t] that has been given me.

ELISHA WHITTLESEY

DANBURY May 9th 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency, The Cap[t] Gene[l] of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Capt. E. Whittlesey's Resignation State-troops — accepted

GEORGE MIDDLETON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:11]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq[r] Captain General of the State of Connecticut

Sir. I had the Honour to Command the 3[d] Company in the 2[d] Reg[t] of the State Corps, untill October Session 1813. when I

had the Honour to receive A Majors Commission in the 21st Regt of Course the Captaincy in the 3d Company in Sd Corps is vacant. Sir I beg leave to recommend Liet Elkanah C. Eaton as Captain Leut Jared Wilson 1st Liut and Ensign Walter Palmer Jur 2d Leut as Proper persons well qualified to fill the several vacancies in sd Company.

GEORGE MIDDLETON Major 21st Regt

PLAINFIELD

May 9th, 1814

[Superscribed] To His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr

[Endorsed] Major Middleton's recommendation of candidates 3rd Comp 2nd Regt State troops —

JAMES C. COOKE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:12]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr —
Sir

Having had the honor of receiving a commission in the Military Corps of this State; and a change of circumstances having rendered it impossible for me to continue in the discharge of its duties, I take this opportunity of tendering my resignation — And I beg leave to remark that no other consideration, but the prospect of soon leaving the State, could have induced me to decline the honor of continuing in the Corps —

With sentiments of great respect
Your Excellency's most obedient
and humb serv —

JAMES C COOKE 1 Lt 1 Cy 1st Reg. of Inft. State Corps —

DANBURY May 9. 1814 —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Hartford

[Endorsed] Lieut. J. C. Clark's Resignation — State troops accepted by advice of council —

JOHN ARMSTRONG TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:13]

(Copy)

War Department
May 9, 1814

Sir

Your Excellency's letter of the 28th April has been referred to Colonel Kingsbury commanding at New London, with instructions to post such guards of regular troops as he may deem necessary. He is also authorized to consult your Excellency & to make a requisition for militia should it be deemed advisable.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully your Excellency's
M° Obt & humble servant
J. Armstrong

His Excellency
J. C. Smith —

[Endorsed] From the Secretary of War 9. May 1814 Recd 19th at Hartford — Wrote Col. Kingsbury 20th

HENRY SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:14]

New London 9th May 1814

Sir

Having been superceded the last Spring, by the appointment of Thomas W. Williams, (then acting as Aid de Camp to Major Genl William Williams,) to a Major in the third Regt of infantry, in which I then and still hold a commission as Capt of the second Company, I made several applications to Brigadier Gen Jirah Isham for a discharge from said command, but without effect. I now beg leave to address your Excellency, and to tender you my resignation, which I intreat your Excellency to accept. In making this request, I sacrifise

the honour of serving my Country, to those honourable feelings of a soldier — which I trust your Excellency duly appreciates, and would never wish to depress.

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Excellency's,
Obed^{t} Servt
HENRY SMITH

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq.
[Superscribed] His Excellency JNO COTTON SMITH Esq. Hartford Connt
[Endorsed] Capt Henry Smith's request to be discharged having been refused by Brig^{d} Genl Isham answ^{d} 30. May 1814

ELI FOWLER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:15]

BRANFORD 10 May 1814

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire
Dear

Sir in Obedience to an Order from the Adjutant Generel directing me to divide the Branford Artillery exempts in to two Companys has been attended to I directed the Company on the 21^{t} of April to meet for that purpose but perceiving difficultys in making the division at that time and finding the Company So well united and that a part of the Company was at that time Equiped With Small armes — I have with advice of the Officers of the Company taken the liberty to pospone the division for the present I have to request your Excellency indulgence in further posponeing the Order —

I am Dear Sir your Excellency
obedient and humble servant
ELI FOWLER Lieut Col

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon —
[Endorsed] Col. Eli Fowler's representation respecting division of volunteer company — 10. May 1814 answ^{d}

PETITION FROM DAVID HUBBARD AND OTHERS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:16]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire Govenor & Commander in Chief in & over the State of Conn[t]

The petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Towns of Glastenbury & Wethersfield respectfully sheweth, that they are desireous of being formed into an independant Company & Organized as a Corps of Flying or Horse Artillery, & annexed to the 6th Regt in the 7th Brigade of Militia, with the privilege of Recruiting from the several Companies, within the limits of the aforesaid Towns — For the accomplishment of this object, they earnestly desire the Countenance & assistance of your Excellency in procuring from the State the necessary field Guns, Implements, Ammunition &c The utility of such a Corps, being universally acknowledged, Your Petitioners will offer nothing upon that subject; but pledge themselves, (if duly authorised & assisted) to form & establish as far as their abilities will permit a respectable & effecient Corps, of the above Description, And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray —

David Hubbard
Wait Williams
George Robbins
Jared G. Talcott
Stephen Strickland 2[d]
Charles C. Gillet
Augustus Gillet
W[m] Goodrich Jun
Henry Munger
Wadsworth Hollister
Asel Hubbard
Solon Stocking
Julius Hale
George Adams
Humphrey Woodhouse
Frederick A. Hale
Justus Crane
John G. Bulkeley
Jacob Dix Jun —
Ebenezer Goodrich
Samuel Dix
Levi Goodrich
Chester House
Alvin Hunt
Marvin Hale
Timothy Richard
David Hills —

Officers — Capt. First Lieut — Second Lieut — Cornet
Non Con. Off. Six Serjeants Four Corporals —
Four Bombardiers — Four Gunners —
Forty Privates, — four of them Drivers —
Ordnance — Two field Guns — 3 pou^{s} or 6 pous, Brass
One Amm^{n} Waggon (Two would be better)
Harness for 4 horses for 2 three poun^{s} or
for Eight for 2 six pous —
Equipment for men, The same as for Cavalry
Uniform Cheap as possible —

Ammunition for practise per Year	If 3 pou^{s} - 36 lbs. powder	12 Round shot -
	If 6 pou^{s} - 72 lbs. D^{o}	

Glastenbury 10th May 1814
[Endorsed] David Hubbard &^{c} petition to be made a comp.
Horse artillery — Glastenbury &^{c}

CHARLES B. KING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:17]

Hartford May 11. 1814

Sir

I am requested to recommend Mr Marvin Curtis for a Commission in the Corps of State Troops — From my acquaintance with Mr Curtis I am induced to believe that a subaltern's place would be respectably filled by him —

I have the honor to be with respect
Yr Ex,^{ys} most Ob St
Ch^{s} B. King
Capt. in St. Corps

His Excellency Govr Smith
[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov Smith Hartford

JOHN MIX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:18]

Farmington May 11th 1814. —

Sir,

The day after my letter addressed to your Excellency from New Haven, I proceeded along the sea coast to New

London, — found the field ordnance at Guilford and Branford tolerably well supplyed with ammunition, not having had occasion to expend much of what they received with their pieces; — Captains Bray and Jewett have had powder and balls forwarded to them; — to Saybrook I have sent 2 boxes of muskets, (50) 100 dz^{n} cartridges and a sufficient number of flints; — to Killingworth also 100 dz^{n} cartridges and some flints; — to Lyme one box of muskets, cartridges and flints; — I have sent to N. London 200 of the guns from Col^{o} Buell's with flints, powder, and balls for muskets (cannon shot were there before) have given directions to have the whole made into cartridges both cannon and musket. — I saw Genl Williams but a single moment, only met him on the road betwixt N. London and Lyme; the ammunition will nearly amount to the quantity he suggested to me, the guns will fall considerably short; 400 was his requisition, there were from 50 to 70 there before the 200 sent from Col^{o} Buell's, being in my opinion, as many as ought to be deposited at that place. — I have sent one box of muskets to Bridgeport to supply any deficiency there may be in the detachment of State troops at that post, with 25 cartouchboxes; — one box also for the Matross company same place; — have also directed the mounting of one 9^{lb} cannon at Bridgeport on a ship carriage, this is done at the earnest solicitation of a number of gentlemen in that Borough, and as the expense will be trifling I considered it best to gratify them — Arrangements are made to furnish this Bridgeport detachment with necessaries in the quarter master department, — their wants will probably be not *few* — the same arrangements are also made for that detachment at Saybrook. —

I am Sir, with much respect and esteem,
Your Excellencys, very obedient servant,

JOHN MIX Q M Genl

His Excellency,
Governor SMITH. —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH. —
[Endorsed] Q. M. General 11. May 1814 —

MARVIN CURTIS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:19]

To his Excellency the Capt General,
and the Honorable Council.

The Subscriber begs leave respectfully to state that ever since he was eighteen Years of age, i e, for seven Years, he has diligently and faithfully performed military duty, and for four years past has done duty in the first Company of Governors Foot Guards: There being a vacancy of a 2^{d} Lieutenancy in the 8th company of the 2^{d} Regiment of the State Corps, he respectfully solicits your Honor, to grant him a commission in that Company, if consistent; in which place he would cheerfully serve the State to the utmost of his ability and zeal —

I am your Excellencys
most ob^{t} & humble servant
MARVIN CURTIS

COVENTRY May 12th 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov. SMITH Hartford

[Endorsed] Marvin Curtis application for a com^{n} 8th comp. 2nd Reg^{t} —

DAVID DAGGETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:20]

May 12. 1814

Sir.

Should there be any application, in any form, on the subject of a grant heretofore made to Talmadge Hall & Jacob Brown to run stages from this to Byram River, I wish in behalf of persons who deem themselves interested, to be heard on the subject.

I am with great respect
Your obed^{t} serv^{t}
DAVID DAGGETT

His Excellency Govr SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH Hartford

[Endorsed] Hon. D. Daggett 12. May 1814 de stage owners —

ELIPHALET TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:21]

HARTFORD May 13. 1814

Sir

At the request of Mr Marvin Curtis of Coventry to recommend him to the office of a Subaltern in the State Troops — Would observe, that as a Soldier in the first Company of Foot Guards, I considered him second to no one, and from a faithfull discharge of his duty as a non-commissioned officer, I viewed him as a promising young officer — On the whole, from my knowledge of him as an officer & Soldier, I do believe he would fill the office he solicits with honor to himself and usefulness to the State. —

I have the honor to be
Y^{r} Excell^{y} most ob^{t} Hum^{l} Servt —
ELIPHALET TERRY

His Excell^{y}
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Govern^{r} —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Governor

[Endorsed] Lt E. Terry's recommendation of Marvin Curtis as a Subaltern in the State troops —

ELISHA BRIGHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:22]

His Excellencys John C. Smith Esqr

Sir —

In consequence of the removeal of the Lieu^{t} & Ensign of the Company under my Command, from the limits of the Brigade there are two vacancies which it seems necessary, should be fill'd — I therefore request y^{r} Excellency, to issue an Order, that their places may be fill'd so that Commissions may be granted at this session of the Assembly —

ELISHA BRIGHAM Capt 6th Company
5th Regiment —
Con^{ct} Militia —

MANSFIELD 14th May 1814.

[Superscribed] His Excelleny JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Capt General Conc^{t} Militia Hartford —
[Endorsed] Capt. E. Brigham's representation — order issued for choice of Lieu^{t} & ensign 18. May 1814 —

[The following is fastened to the back of 5:22]
This may Certify that Capt Benjn Chapman an Officer in the Reg^{t} under my Command, has lately removed from the limits of the Brigade, and wishes a dismission from further Military service; he is an Officer in good standing —

JN^{o} SALTER Lieu^{t} Col Comd^{t}
5th Reg^{t} 5th Brigade

HARTFORD 13th May 1814

JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:23]

NEW LONDON May 16th 1814

His Excellency
Govr Smith,
Sir,

Since closing my Letter to your Excellency of this Date, I have received some information which I feel it my duty to communicate — Your Excellency will probably have heard previous to this, that Genl Burbeck is removed from the command of this District, & is ordered to Greenbush — Col^{o} Kingsbury — the Inspector General, now has the command. — He is a *Connecticut Man* in every respect & of course is desirous that we should avoid as far as possible, the burdens of this War, — more especially that we should not advance our *money* for the national *credit.* — He has voluntarily spoken on the subject of the Guard at Saybrook for whose supply of *Rations only* some doubt existed in the mind of his predecessor — Col^{o} K. is willing to *muster* those Troops if requested & this will at once put them with respect to pay &c. on the footing of United States Troops & will amount to a *requisition* on the part of the General Government — This muster must however, as he says, take place within *Six* Days from Saturday last. —

As these Troops were not taken from my Brigade, I must beg pardon for this interference, but I deemed it a duty which I owed to the service to give your Excellency this information —

In great haste, —

I have the honour to be

As ever

Most respectfully

Your Excellency's

Obed^{t} Servt

JIRAH ISHAM

P. S. I am aware that by a Law of the Last Session of Congress, the Brigade Major in that Brigade where the Troops are in service can muster the men. At least I think there is such a provision in the act. —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esq Hartford

[Endorsed] B. Genl Isham 16. May 1814 —

GENERAL ORDERS

[5:24]

HARTFORD 16. May 1814

A General court martial, whereof Lt Colonel Ira Smith is president was held at New Haven on the 8th day of March last by order of the Brigadier General of the 2nd brigade for the trial of Lieutenant Malichi Cooke of the 27th regiment of infantry under arrest for neglect of duty and unofficerlike conduct — The court, after overruling the exceptions filed by the prisoner to the Sufficiency of the charges exhibited against him, proceeded to his trial on the plea of Not guilty and from the evidence adduced pronounced him *guilty* of several instances of neglect of duty and thereupon Sentenced him to be reprimanded —

I. From the proceedings of the court martial as returned to the Captain General, it does not appear that "the charges in arrest were made in due form by way of complaint and signed by the party complaining, addressed to the officer ordering the court" — nor, does it appear, if such a document actually exists, that a copy of it was

served upon the officer to be tried. Both are made necessary by the Statute, and the former is required before a court martial can be regularly ordered —

II. The charges on which the accused was arraigned contain no Specifications of neglect of duty or of unofficerlike conduct. The objection therefore made by him to proceeding in the trial of accusations so general and indefinite was well founded and ought to have prevailed —

From a full consideration of the foregoing exception, without pronouncing any opinion upon the evidence adduced on the trial, the Captain General *disapproves* the Sentence and the same is *disapproved* accordingly —

It is ordered that Lieut. Malichi Cook be released from the present arrest —

The General court martial, whereof Lieut. Col. Ira Smith is President, is hereby dissolved —

J. C. Smith

[Endorsed] General orders disapproving the Sentence of a Gen[l] Court Martial 2. Brigade 16. May 1814 —

ELIJAH SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:25]

Tolland May 16th 1814

Sir

Having at the last session of the General Assembly been appointed Lieut. Col. of the 22[d] Reg[t] of Militia, I would beg leave to resign the office of Major, which I now hold in the Military Corps established for the defence of this State —

I am, With the Highest Respect
Your Excellency's
Most Obed[t] Serv[t]
Elijah Smith

His Excellency Governour Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esquire at Hartford

[Endorsed] Major E. Smith's resignation — Statetroops — accepted —

FRANCIS A. PERKINS TO CALVIN GODDARD

[5:26]

NORWICH 16 May 1814

Sir

Mr Roger Coit a sergeant in the 7th Company 2^d Regiment of Infantry of the State Corps, under my command, wishing to obtain his discharge from his Excellency the commander in Chief: requests me to make a representation of his case to you, who have been good enough to make application for him — I can only say that I have no objection as Captain of the Company, to his discharge. I do not consider his reasons sufficient in a *strict* military view; yet in connection with his feelings & the bearing they may have on the general welfare of the Company, I am willing; although I am sorry to lose so valuable a member of the corps, as I consider Mr Coit.

Very Respectfully
I am, Sir
Yor Ob^t Hubl^e Servt
FRA^s A PERKINS

Honble CALVIN GODDARD
[Superscribed] Honble CALVIN GODDARD

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NATHANIEL TERRY

[5:27]

Brigadier General Terry
Commandant of the State troops

Sir

You will please to furnish from the troops under your command a guard of Artillerists to consist of twenty eight men including two Subalterns and a Suitable number of non-commissioned officers & musicians to be stationed at Fort Fenwick in Saybrook and to serve thirty days from the 20th instant unless sooner discharged —

By order of the
Commander in chief —

HARTFORD May 17th 1814

N. B. The guard by a subsequent order enlarged to 60 non com. & privates & the term of Service extended to 60 days from 20th May —

[Endorsed] Order for Guard at Saybrook — 60 days from 20th May 1814 —

RICHARD LORD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:28]

His Excellencey John Cotton Smith

Being by a Commission from Your Excellencey honoured with the command of the 1st Troop of Cavalry in the State Service — It becomes a duty to state to Your Excellencey that my health is not equal to an active discharge of the duties devolving upon me by Sd Commission — My Constitution naturally robust has become much impaired & subject to fevers & unusual exertion of my voice is frequently attended with a proportional weakness of the Lungs — I assure Your Excellencey that at a time when the situation of our Country may demand the whole Military force of the state & Nation no personal considerations (unattended with a conviction that from want of health my longer continuance in Sd command would be of but little or no advantage to the service) would have induced me again to have made application for a discharge from a service to which I am by many considerations strongly attached — But willing as I am in any emergency to contribute my mite to the defence of our Territory & our valuable Institutions I feel that any particular relyance upon me would but tend to decieve the public expectation & therefore ask a dismission from the services attendant upon Sd Commission — With Sentiments of high Consideration & Esteem Your Excellenceys obedient Servt &c

Richrd Lord

East Haddam May 17th A D 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellencey John Cotton Smith Hartford

[Endorsed] Capt. Richd Lord's resignation — State troops — accepted 19. May 1814 by advice of council —

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:29]

New London 19 May 1814

Sir

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 17th instant, in which you inform me that Subalterns command of Infantry are stationed at Fort Fenwick, near the mouth of the Connecticut, and at Bridgeport & also a Subalterns command of Cavalry to serve as Videttes at New Haven.

I have agreeably to Your Excellency's request, ordered Lieut Huntington of the United States Army to muster the detachment at Fort Fenwick, preparatory to thier discharge & Capt Northrop Commanding Fort Hale has also received my directions to muster those at New Haven & Bridgeport — Arrangements have been made for the delivery of provisions to the Troops at Fort Fenwick & Capt Northrop has received instructions to countersign provision returns for the detachments at New Haven & Bridgeport & they will be ennabled to receive thier rations at the former place. Last evening a packet belonging to this port & bound hither from New York was chased into the Niantick & burnt before any assistance could be rendered by the United States troops under my command & the Militia of this place who assembled with great promptitude. This is an additional inducement to the establishment of a guard at Stonington point, the exposed situation of which place, in my opinion requires a Subalterns command consisting of forty non commissioned Officers, musicians & privates, to protect the Village, & shipping now lying there, to destroy which, it is more than probable an attempt may soon be made, I have recently received directions from the Hon. the Secretary of War to make requisitions for Militia in case an additional force should be deemed necessary —

I have the honor to remain very respectfully,

Your Excellency's
Most Obedt Servant
Jacob Kingsbury
Inspect General

His Excell^{y}

JOHN COTTON SMITH
Governor of the State
of Connecticut

[Endorsed] From Col. Kingsbury — 19. May 1814 — Guards—

JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:30]

NEW LONDON 19th May 1814
March

His Excellency John C Smith
Capt. Gen &c Militia of
Connecticut
Sir

I avail myself of the first opportunity to acquaint your Excellency that I receved intelligence from Niantic river (Rope ferry) by express about 9 O'clock last night (the 18th) that a number of barges had Entered the river in company with the privateer, the Liverpool Packet had landed a number of men, posted their centinels and were burning the vessels at that place — I immediately ordered Capt French of the Artillery (3^{d} Reg^{t}) to proceed with the Two pieces of Artillery 16 pounders, belonging to his company which order was executed with as great expedition as possible & we arrived at rope ferry a few Minutes after 10 Oclock. Col Kingsbury commanding the United States troops in this district, also sent 50 Men from fort Trumbull under the command of Capt Tilden but unfortunately the barges had left the place before we arrived. The troops remained on the ground untill after Sunrise when all appearances of danger having vanished I directed them to return to town Having receved a Serious injury by being thrown from my horse on my way to the river in Consequence, of his falling I was unable to ascertain very precisely the damage done, although I remained on the Spot untill Morning

The Packet Mary Capt Harris, however, which plies between this & New York and owned in the latter place was chased

into the bay & burnt as was also her Cargo which was valuable Consisting of Flour &c Another vessel was also set on fire but the inhabitants drove them from her & the fire was extinguished There were at this time a number of Small vessels lying at this place & Several on the Stocks, further up the river. This place is very much exposed & has been for some time as our packets coming from New York have put in there frequent Applications have been made to me by the people living in that vicinity for a piece of artillery & also some Small Arms & Ammunition, I have not felt Myself Authorised without instructions from your Excellency to grant these requests, still I am of Opinion that this & a number of other places, Stonington Mystic &c are very much exposed being without arms & without men, the Object of the enemy is generally so soon Accomplished that Troops cannot be Collected, with the utmost diligence & activity of Officers, untill their Services are rendered useless

For further particulars respecting the affair at Rope ferry and for information generally as to our situation in the 3d Brigade I beg leave, Owing to the State of my health, to refer you to Majr Goddard, P M Gen who will deliver this —

With the highest respect I have the
honor to be your Excellencys
Obdt Servant
JIRAH ISHAM
Brigr Genl 3d Brigade

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Hartford
Majr Goddard
[Endorsed] B. Genl Isham, 19. May 1814 recd 21st

ELISHA ABEL'S CERTIFICATION CONCERNING ROGER COIT

[5:31]

This may certify that soon after I recd my commission in the State service, Captt Perkins wished me to obtain a suitable Person for a sergeant, in this Town, I accordingly proposed to Mr Roger Coit, then a sergeant in the Militia, to join us in

that capacity. Mr Coit had no objection to the Service, but had so fair a prospect of speedy promotion in his company, that he thought it too great a sacrifice; to obviate this difficulty I confidentially told him, that it had been suggested to me from what I considered a correct source, that Capt Perkins would be appointed a Brigade Major, and there might be a vacancy in our Comp^{y}, and that by enlisting *first*, as a Sergeant, he would probably be entitled to *that* rank amoung them, and consequently might expect a commission, in case the expected vacancy occured. Although Mr Coits prospect was good for speedily commanding the company to which he then belonged, he concluded to join, and accordingly enlisted as a Sergeant. At a subsequent meeting of the company, I had the mortification to find that Capt Perkins had appointed a young Mr Fitch, orderly sergeant. he had just enlisted, and held no office prior to his enlistment, This Mr Coit considers unjust in itself and so widely different, from what he would naturally expect, from my statement to him, that he feels himself wounded, and abused. Mr Coit is a gentleman in the midst of life, at the head of a large family, and in his present circumstances, I am confident his military duties, must be extremely unpleasant and if any way could be devised, I should be gratified to have him discharged from the service, and I make this certificate as an act of justice after learning the total incorrectness of the statement which induced him to Enlist

ELISHA I ABEL 1st Lieu^{t}
7 Comp^{y} 2 Reg^{t} State Troops

PRESTON 20th May 1814
[Endorsed] Sergeant Coit's case —

JARED S. MINER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:32]

His Excellencey John Cotton Smith
Being by a Commission from Your Excellencey honoured a Command as 2^{d} Lieutenant in the 1st Troop of Cavalry in the State service — It becomes My duty to state to Your Excel-

lency that having determined upon a removal from this State I am desireous for a dismission the duties of s^{d} Commission
EAST HADDAM May 21st 1814
JARED S MINER 2^{d} Lieu^{t}
[Superscribed] His Excellencey JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Lieut. J. S. Miner cavalry State troops resignation
— accepted —

THOMAS FREEMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[5:33]

To his Excellency John C. Smith Esqr
Sir

I have for some time served as an Ensign in the 6th Company in the 5th Regiment of Connecticut Militia and have removed from the limmits of the Brigade Request to be discharged from further military Service I am with great Respect your Excellencys most Obedient Servant THOMAS FREEMAN
WILLINGTON may 21st 1814
[Endorsed] Ensign Th. Freeman 6. comp. 5. Reg^{t} resignation — accepted — order issued 24th May 1814

ELIHU CANFIELD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[5:34]

ROXBURY 21st May 1814 —

Respected Sir —

Being informed that Curtis Hurd Esqr of this Town was not Nominated by the members of this County, for a Justice of the peace, on account of unfavorable Reports which have been circulated respecting his conduct, we feel it our duty to State to you our feelings & knowledge on the Subject, — some years ago he was in a poor State of health & Some imputed it to intemperence, but of late years we know not that he has given occasion for Such reports; and consider that though he is advanced in life, yet if consistant with the honor of the State, it will be no more than Justice to him, to appoint him to that office once more as he wou,^{d} have resigned before this if we had not advised him otherwise on account of our Situa-

tion in this town as to a Suitable candidate for that office, & this Spring he informed us that he shou,[d] send a request not to be appointed again, was it not that he considered the Repre-Sentative so enimical toward him, & the part he acted to get his appointment, so contrary to the Steady habits of Connecticut, — but in case he shou[d] be appointed this Session, we presume he wou[d] at any rate send in his request not to be appointed again, — and believe it wou[d] be for the peace & harmony of this town & no Injury to the State at large, for him to be reappointed we beleive he has been unjustly treated by Some designing persons, — wish your honorable board to act in that Manner respecting the business, which has ever distinguished it for wisdom & prudence —

With Respect & Esteem

ELIHU CANFIELD for self &

at the request of Phinehas Smith Esq[r]

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esquire —

P. S. If consistent, wish our names may not be mentioned in the business — E.C. —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH now at Hartford —

[Endorsed] Representation from Roxbury — concerning Curtis Hurd Esq.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[5:35]

HARTFORD 21, May 1814

Sir —

At the request of the Secretary of war through Col. Jacob Kingsbury an officer of the U. S. commanding at New-London you are desired to issue orders for a detachment from the 30th regiment of militia consisting of one Subaltern & forty non commissioned officers musicians & privates (the proportions you will settle in the order) to repair forthwith to Stonington point & serve as a guard for thirty days from their arrival at the place appointed — They will be furnished with

subsistence by the U. States — You will inform Col. Kingsbury of the execution of this order so that the men may be duly mustered —

I am Sir &c

To Adjutant Gen[l] HUNTINGTON —

[Endorsed] Order for a guard at Stonington Point Copy —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:36]

NORWICH 21st May 1814

Dear Sir

Last evenings mail furnished me with your excellencys favour of the 17th covering a general order for the second brigade, which has been transcribed & will be forwarded by the mail on monday next — Your excellency having seen Major Goddard, will probably have been informed that on making my detail for Saybrook of a Lieutenant, two sergeants, two corporals a fifer a drummer & twenty six privates — that immediate notice was given to him to make the necessary arrangement with the U S Contractor for furnishing the rations for the detachment, but in case the U S Contractor did not supply them, he M[r] Goddard must furnish the necessary supplies —

I am with much respect & esteem
yours very sincerely
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Gov SMITH

Monday 23[d] Yesterday I had the honour of your Excellencys communication of the 21st which has been attended to, & the necessary orders issued to Col[o] Randall under cover to Gen[l] Isham will be forwarded P[r] this evenings mail — as will also a letter to Col[o] Kingsbury in conformity to the wishes of your Excellency

I am with respect & esteem
yours very sincerely
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

P S 3 °Clock — I find a petition is in circulation for signatures praying for arms & ammunition for the inhabitants in case of alarm —

I have suggested to them my doubts of the expediency, as arms have been already ordered to this vicinity & ammunition, for such persons as are liable to military duty — whether it will be signed & forwarded I cannot say —

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Hartford

[Endorsed] Adj^{t} General 21. May 1814 —

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:37]

[Copy]

NEW LONDON
22. May 1814

Sir I had yesterday the honour to receive your Excellency's letter of the 20th handed me by Genl Champion & Col. Staples, with whom I have conferred upon the subject mentioned by your Excellency, and am of opinion that the following arrangement settled between those gentlemen & myself will be Sufficient to afford protection to the coast —

A Subaltern's guard of Infantry of militia to consist of forty noncommissioned officers, musicians & privates under command of one Subaltern to be stationed at Stonington Point. This guard will be mustered and inspected by United States officers & provisions for them will be furnished by the contractor at New London —

A force at Saybrook consisting of a Captain, a first & Second Lieutenant, four Sergeants four corporals, two musicians and Sixty privates of Artillery to be mustered & inspected by officers of the United State's Army, & receive their provision also from New-London. These will be able to cover Lyme Saybrook & Killingworth, & for their use, for the present, one barrel of powder can be furnished from this post. —

At Bridgeport a force consisting of one Subaltern, and forty noncommissioned officers musicians & privates of Infantry, which will be able to cover Black Rock & Mill River. These will also be mustered & inspected by United States officers & will receive their rations from New Haven. —

The force at New London & New Haven is at present deemed sufficient to protect those posts. The provision returns for the troops at Bridgeport will be countersigned by Captain Northrop. The Seniour officer at this post will countersign those for Saybrook and Stonington.

It will not be in my power at present to furnish or pay for barrack hire, or fuel, camp utensils, forage for the cavalry (if any), horses for the field pieces, or transportation of provisions & ammunition. This being done by order of your Excellency will eventually of course be paid for by the United States —

I have the honour to remain
with the most perfect respect
Your Excellency's most ob^{t} servant
(Signed) JACOB KINGSBURY
Inspector General —

His Ex^{y} J. C. SMITH —

Note — This arrangement (with some slight variations agreed to) was made & continued in operation 'till the guards were increased & multiplied in consequence of the attack upon Stonington — J. C. SMITH

[Endorsed] From Col. Kingsbury 22. May 1814 — Arrangements for defence of the coast — & engaging to reimburse the State for Advances in the Q. M. G. department &c —

ROGER COIT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:38]

To His Excellency the Captain Genl of the Militia of the State of Connecticut —

May it please your Excellency

The undersigned having been for about ten years a subject of military duty, and having been regularly chosen a sergeant

and performed the duties of that office for about five years, in a militia company where he has always resided, was about a year since induced to enlist into the corps raised for the defence of the state; this he did under Lieu^{t} Elisha P. Abel of the 7^{eh} Company in the 2nd Regiment of s' corps, as a sergeant, and with well grounded expectations of being by the Capt of s^{d} company appointed *orderly* sergeant. These expectations were founded on conversations had with Lieu^{t} Abel antecedent to, and *at* the time of his enlistment; in which he stated, that he was fully authorised to enlist a sergeant, and although the appointment of an *orderly* sergeant depended ultimately on the Capt, yet, as he was first Lieu^{t} and the Capt himself had not enlisted any (not a single man nor has to this day) and the other Lieu^{t} and Ensign but verry few, he had no doubt the Capt would readily appoint one of his nominating: and furthermore as more than three frouts of the company were enlisted in the town of Preston by him (Lieu^{t} Abel) and among them all there was but one sergeant and one corporal whereas, the Capt the second Lieu^{t} and Ensign all belonged in the town of Norwich, in which place also, and its immediate vicinity all the remaining non-commissioned were appointed: Lieu^{t} Abel therefore felt himself fully warranted in giving me the assurance he did of obtaining the appointment in question; not having any doubts (nor had the undersigned) of the Cap^{ts} confirming any nomination he should make under these particular circumstances: but without regarding them at all, the Capt appointed as his orderly sergeant a man living in the vicinity of Norwich, who had never done military duty in his life and totally unacquainted with every part of it — The undersigned having relinquished his post in the militia company to which he had previously belonged, and together with it the prospect of speedy promotion; (which he has no reason to doubt he should have realised had he continued in it, as two sergeants his juniors in rank have since received commissions) from patriotic motives enlisted into the state corps, and (though he viewed it not in the light of a promotion at all) with such assurance of being placed at the head of the non-commissioned officers of the company as he fully relied on — a post to which

he thinks he had well founded claims, — instead of which he finds himself placed under the controul and command of one totally unacquainted with his duty, as even with that of a private soldier: Under these circumstancis he finds himself under the unpleasant necesity of applying to your excellency for relief, praying that he may be discharged from his s^d^ office in s^d^ company, and from all further military duty whatever

PRESTON May 23rd 1814 ROGER COIT

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH

[Endorsed] Sergeant Coit's request to be discharged — Discharged — 7. June 1814

PETITION FROM NORWICH

[5:39]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Edsq^r^ Governor of the State of Connecticut. The petition of the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town of Norwich, respectfully sheweth —

That the United States squadron has been removed up the Thames within three miles of this Town & the crews of the Frigates have been ordered away, leaving by report about 100 men on board: and a part of their Rigging & Sails has been taken out & lodged in a Store in this Town — That there are at the wharves & in the river a large number of merchant vessels of great value. That your petitioners have reason to fear an attack from the Enemy, (now in large force off New London) on the United States vessels & probably on the Shipping at our wharves —

Should that be the case, there are a large number of the inhabitants of this Town exempt from military duty who would with alacrity defend their native state: but, they have neither arms or ammunition; which is likewise the case with the militia in a considerable degree. —

Under these circumstances your petitioners respectfully request your Excellency to take their case into consideration &

furnish this Town with 300 (or more) musquets & the requisite quantity of ammunition, under such regulations as your Excellency shall prescribe.

Norwich 23d May 1814

Roswell Roath
Erastus Coit
Augustus Perkins
Jonathan Lester
Benjamin Snow
Hez Perkins
Jabez Huntington
Giles Buckingham
Fras A Perkins
Jas F. Brown
Jno Breed
Henry S Grace
Nathl Gilbert
Francis Smith
Thoms B Buswell
Simeon Breed
Nathl Howland
Eben Carew
Geo Perkins
Roger Huntington
John DeWitt
Wm Gordon
Judah Hart
Newcomb Kinney
Samuel Rudd
Chs F Harrington
Stephen L'Hommedieu
Christopher Colver
Edw Whiting
Seabury Brewster
Felix A. Huntington
Samuel Tyler
Russell Hubbard
Charles Rockwell
Stephen B. Allyn
John L Buswell
James Huntington
Erastus Perkins
James Perkins
Jedh Huntington
Samuel Stony Jun
Horace Colton
Cushing Eells
Thos Storrs
John R Comstock
James N Brown
Christopher Starr
Geo. Gilbert
Lyman Brewer
Thos Hubbard
Joseph Chester
Jeremiah Clement
Peabody Clement
Wm Peabody
Luther Edgerton
Nathan Babcock
David N Bentley
John Murray
Micajah Davis
John Waterman
Joseph Perkins
Geo Hill
Andrew Perkins

[Endorsed] Norwich
Petition May 1814 —

JOSHUA P. BURNHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[5:40]

HARTFORD 23d May 1814

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esqr

I communicated to your Excellency in a letter bearing date the 16th of Octobr last a request that your Excellency would discharge me from the duties of Majr Commandant of your Excellencys first company of Horse Guards, with the reasons which enduced me to make the application to which your Excellency will please to be referd — Always desirous of meeting your Excellencys wishes I have sence that time continued in the Command and exerted my self to the utmost of my abilities to perform the duties of the Office in such a manner as to deserve & of consequence inve your Excellencys Approbation. I now once more request your Excellency to accept my resignation — will you have the goodness to grant it? & beleive me very respectfully

Your Excellencys Obedt Servt
JOSHUA P. BURNHAM, Commdt
Govrs first Company Horse Guards

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
[Endorsed] Major Burnham (Horse guards) Resignation — accepted 25. May 1814 order issued 26th

GEORGE MIDDLETON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[5:41]

PLAINFIELD May 23d 1814

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr
Capt General & Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut

Sir. Having been honored by the command of the 3d Company in the 2d Regt of Volunters raised for the Defence of this State and having also been honored by A Majors Commission in the 21st Regt of Millitia which last commission I have also accepted and Shall endeavour to discharge the duties thereof

with fidelity — Wherefore I request Your Excellency to accept this my resignation of the aforesaid offic of Capt

I am Sir Your faithfull
& obedient Servant
GEORGE MIDDLETON

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Hartford

[Endorsed] Capt. Middleton's resignation — state troops — Wm Robinson 1 Serg^{t} recommended for Ensign by Mr Eaton — H Q accepted 25th May 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[5:42]

HARTFORD 23. May 1814

Sir

You will perceive the importance of executing within order speedily — It could not issue until this day — As the Service will probably continue thro' the Season it is the advise of the council to make the first detachment of militia from your brigade — It will be extended to others hereafter — If possible I could wish an active & intelligent Subaltern to be detailed — much will depend upon him —

I shall address a letter to the committee of the borough tomorrow in answer to their communication — In haste I am Sir your

ob^{t} & hum. Ser^{t}

[Endorsed] To B. Genl Foote 23. May 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[5:43]

HARTFORD 23. May 1814 —

Brigadier General Enoch Foote —

Sir

At the request of the Secretary of War through Colonel J. Kingsbury inspector general at New London you are hereby directed to detach from your brigade one Subaltern and forty

noncommissioned officers musicians & privates of infantry to serve as a guard at Bridgeport & vicinity for forty five days from the expiration of the term of service of the present guard — The detachment will be mustered by an officer of the United States. If no such officer appears *at the time the men enter upon duty* you will cause them to be mustered by your brigade major or in his absence by some officer of your brigade below the rank of Lt Colonel — Subsistence will be furnished by the United States — and other military Supplies by the Q. M. General — In making your detachment you will exempt such as are considered to have performed either in person or by substitute a tour of duty at N. London the last Season, and also those living in towns adjoining the Sound — By order of His Excellency the Cap. Genl

[Endorsed] Order to B. General Foote — Guard at Bridgeport
23. May 1814 — Guard entered service 28th May —

[On back of this letter] — 1 Subaltern
2 Sergeants
2 Corporals
2 musicians
34 privates

ORDER FOR GUARD AT STONINGTON

[5:44]

Copy to Col^{o} Randall 30 Reg^{t} 23 May

Sir

In obedience to a requisition from the department of war — His Exc^{y} the Capt Genl Has directed me to detach from the 30th Reg^{t} under your Command 1 L^{t} 2 Serg^{t} 2 Corpl 1 drumer 1 fifer & 34 Privates forthwith, completely equipped according to law in all respects, as a guard to be posted at Stonington Point for the protection of the persons & Property on that coast & vicinity — to be on duty 30 days from their arrival. they will be furnished with rations & cooking Utensils from the U S, for which purpose the Lieu^{t} commanding the

detached men will send one of his N Com^{d} Officers to Col Kingsbury notifying him of their arrival at the point & receive directions from him *Col^{o} Kingsbury* respecting their supplies — Col Kingsbury the commanding officer at N London will give directions respecting their being mustered — You will please observe that without being duly mustered according to law of the U S, they will not receive any wages— —The Off^{rs} who will be detached for the before mentioned duty will be held responsible for his care & Watchfullness — keeping his men from offering any injury to the people or permitting any to be done — he must be diligent in training the men, keeping them in constant readiness for duty & not suffer them to stroll around the country. You will give me immediate notice when you have Completed the detachment, of having so done

I am &c E H A G

May 30th

Fearing that the above order which I forwarded by mail last Monday to N London may not have been rec^{d} I now send a copy by express & request your immediate attention if not completed already; & when the men shall have arrived at the point the Lieu^{t} commanding the detachment must send me a certificate by mail of the day of his arrival & a list of every man with him that I may lay the same before the Governour — You will furnish him with a copy of this order for his government

I am &c EBEN: HUNTINGTON Adj^{t} Genl

Copy to Col Kingsbury 23 May 1814

Col Jacob Kingsbury

Sir

In compliance with the request from the department of War, through you to his Exc^{y} Govr Smith, I have been directed & have detached a L^{t} 2 Serg^{ts} 2 Corp^{ls} 1 drum^{r} 1 fifer & thirty four privates from the militia of this State & have directed them to rendezvous at Stonington point forthwith; & send a Non Com^{d} Officer to you for directions respecting supplies & mustering, also to receive such directions from you as may be necessary to insure a cooperation with the troops under your

command for the protection of the inhabitants & their property exposed to the depredations of the enemy at Stonington point & that vicinity

I am &c E H

[Endorsed] order for guard at Stonington —

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:45]

BRIDGEPORT May 23d 1814

Sir

Henry May Esqr the Carrer of this Letter is Brigade Maj'r & Inspector to the 4th Brigade — I have direted him to make out Muster rolls of the detachment from this Brigade (in Septemr Last at Fairfield Norwalk Stamford & Greenwitch on an allarrum of which your Exelency had imediate notis) agreeable to the diretions of the Adjutant Genl (or as near as posoble) with orders for him to present them for payment to the paymaster of the United States at Newlondon — and in Case of refusal or neglect of makeing payment by the United States officer — Maj'r May will Call on your Exelency for advice and further diretions — Maj'r May has also the pay roll for the first detachment ordered from the 4th Brigade to Newlondon and discharged by your Exelencys order be fore they arrived their —

I am Sir — your obednt Huble Servt ——

ENOCH FOOTE

His Excelny J C SMITH Esqr

[Superscribed] His Excelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Hartford for Majr May

[Endorsed] Brigd Genl Foote 23. May 1814

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:46]

KILLINGWORTH

May 23d 1814

His Excellency John C Smith

Sir

The detachment from my company arrivd at Say Brook

In the afternoon of the 20th at 6. P M — they were Paraded on the Fort & put In the *quiet* & *Peaceable* possession thereof —

The Fort is nearly Destitute of Ordinance & ammunition the Piece ordered from New Haven has not arrived - - - - I have sent over a small quantity of *Match-Rope* from some I had here, as they were destitute of that article — I have Enclosed my returns to Gen[l] Terry &c —

I am your Excellency,s
Ob[t] Serv[t]
A Bray

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Governor of Connecticut Hartford

[Endorsed] Bray

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO J. S. CANNON & OTHERS

[5:47]

Hartford 24th May 1814

Gentlemen

Your communication requesting the continuance of a guard at Bridgeport and an increase of the number, has been Submitted to the General Assembly and is now before a joint committee of the two houses. The U. S. have authorized a *Subaltern's* command, and I have accordingly issued orders for a detachment to supply the place of the men whose term of Service will expire the present week — Should the Legislature however direct an augmentation of the force I shall with great cheerfulness make the necessary arrangements for that purpose —

Altho my request for gunboats to be *stationed* at Several points on the Sound particularly at Bridgeport, seems not to be complied with to the extent of my wishes yet I have received from the President assurances that Com. Lewis commanding the flotilla in the harbour of New York is "especially instructed to afford all the protection to the shores of the Sound that may

be found practicable with the force under his command" I have the honour to be gentlemen

very respectfully your ob^{t}
& hum. Sv^{t}

J. S. CANNON Esqr & others —
[Endorsed] To the Committee of Bridgeport —

JAMES FORTUNE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:48]

To the Govenor & Capt General of the State of Connecticut —
May it please your Excellency
For about twenty years past I have been a member of the horse Guard in the County of Hartford and have borne a Commission Nearly one half the time — and was years since honored with That of Leiu^{t} having been desirous and ambestious not to be out Done in appearance by any of my Companions in arms I have Expended about Six Hundred Dollars in s^{d} Service — and May be Called for in the Course of Military Grdation to have my expences Increased — I have a young family of Eight Children to whom I should be doing injustice — and Your Excellency will be calling me to too great Sacrifice to Continue me in said service — Greatful for past honors And wishing that the Company may allways be distinguished-for there military ambition and patriotism and do honor To your Excellency your Successors & to the State. I beg Leave to resign my Commission & tender the Gratitude & Respect of your most obt humbl

Sv^{t} JA^{s} FORTUNE

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Capt
General of the State of Connec^{t}
[Endorsed] Capt. Fortune of the Horse guards resignation —
accepted order 26th May-1814

RETURN OF ORDNANCE

[5:49]

To the Hon'b^{le} the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut now in Session at Hartford, The undersigner Quarter Master

General of the Militia of said State begs leave respectfully to submit the following return of Artillery, Muskets, Military & ordnance Stores, Camp equipage &C &C now the property of this state. —

viz, 5270	Muskets in the Arcenal at		Hartford
329	"	- "	New Haven
200	"	- "	Middletown
262	"	- "	New London
25	"	- "	Lyme
50	"	- "	Saybrook
25	"	- "	Killingsworth
50	"	- "	Bridgeport
25	"	- "	Norwalk
25	"	- "	Stamford
22	"	- "	Stonington Point
(about) 200	"	with Col° E Buell Marlborough cleaning & Repairing	
6,483			
260	Cannisters of Grape Shot for 6lb Cannon at		Arcenal
1422	6lb	Ditto	Ditto
1872	3lb	Ditto	Ditto
200	4lb	Ditto	Ditto
17,300lb	Musket Ball		Ditto
80,000	Gun Flints		Ditto
494	Camp Kettles		Ditto
2475	Cartouch Boxes		Ditto
1000	Canteens		Ditto
100	Pick Axes		Ditto
25	Wood ditto		Ditto
12,750	Musket Cartridges		Ditto (more Making)

5,925lb	Powder in powder house Hartford and at	East Hartford
400	6lb Shott	Danbury
160	12lb Ditto	Ditto
500	2lb Ditto	New Haven
16	6lb Brass Field Pieces - 8,3lb Ditto & 3, 2lb Ditto	

now located as follows viz

		2 6lb	New London	10.1.6lb	at Guilford
	1	"	Norwich	1 "	" Derby
	2	"	Saybrook	1 "	" Bridgeport
	2	"	Killingworth	1 "	" Norwalk
	1	"	Lyme	1 "	" Hartford
	10 2	"	New Haven	16 1 "	" Windham
8 3 pounders	viz 1 3		Pomfret	51 3lb "	Sharon
	2	"	Branford	1 "	" Bristol
	1	"	Danbury	1 "	" Guilford
	5 1	"	Washington	8 3 pounders	
3 2 pounders	2	2lb	New Haven	1 2lb	Tolland
2 4lb Iron		at	Brooklyn on Travelling Carriages		
1 6lb "		"	Saugatuck "	do	Ditto
2 12 "		"	New Haven	Ship	"
1 " "		"	Fairfield (Black Rock)		"
1 6lb "		"	Ditto Mill River	"	"
1 " "		"	Bridgeport	"	"
1 " "		"	Saybrook (Fort)	"	"
1 " "		"	Ditto (private property)	"	"

From the commencement of the present war to the first of April (last) there has been Sent to New London 3000lbs of Gun Powder 2400lbs Musket Balls, 360.6lb Cannon Shotts, 144.3lb Ditto, and 5000 Gun Flints. At which time there was then remaining in Magazine 7500 - Musket Cartridges, — 60.6lb Cannon Ditto, & 300 6lb Shot; considerable supplies have been drawn from this deposit for Saybrook, Lyme, Killingworth, Stonington Point, &C. at different times, exact quantities cannot be ascertain'd with any degree of accuracy — There was A great loss of ammunition particularly of musket cartridges, while the troops were in Service at that post. the last season Fifteen Muskets were lost, suppos'd to have been carrie'd away by unprinciple'd men when dismiss'd, whome

the hurry & bustle of such A scene would render it next to impossible to detect There was also sent to same place 100 Soldiers Tents, 14 Wall ditto 1 markee, 25 Common axes, 500 Cartouch Boxes, 100 Camp Kettles; The Tents of evry Kind are now in Store at Stoddards Landing A few miles up the river from New London; as well as the principal part of the Cartouch boxes; some few were retaind. Since the 1st of May Instant 600lbs of musket Ball 48 Cannisters of Shot 3000 Gun Flints & 500 lbs of Powder have been sent there — these balls are made into Cartridges (about 11,000) which would take one half of this powder, the remainder left for cannons — There has been Sent to New Haven 1500lbs of Powder, 1300lb of musket Ball which are made into cartridges, 4000 Flints, — 432, 6lb Shot, 200, 3lb ditto, & 400, 4lb ditto; in addition to this there has been deliver'd to Majr Luther Bradley commanding officer in the foot guards 50lbs of Powder, & 240lbs of Musket Balls to replace what he had procur'd & made into musket cartridges before any public supplies were there; which cartridges are placd in magazine as property of the State; very few of these articles have been expended & they are now prepard for immediate use

To Bridgeport 8000 musket Cartridgs, 250lbs powder & 72 Cannisters of Shotts 1000 Gun Flints, 6 Camp Kettles, 40.6lb Shot, 25 Cartg Boxes,

" Fairfield 200lbs Powder, 72 Cannistors of shotts 40. 12lb Shot, 40. 6lb ditto

" Norwalk. 125lb Powder 36. Cannistors of Shot, 30. 6lb Shott

" Guilford 75lb Powder, 36. 3lb Shot, 30. 6lb ditto 36. 3lb Cannistors ditto

" Branford 75lb Powder, 72. 3lb Shotts & 36. 3lb Cannistor ditto

" Middletown 100lb powder 200lb musket Ball, 1000 Flints, the balls are made into Cartridges (3600)

" Saybrook 225lb Powder, 144. 6lb Shott, 400 Flints, 1200 Musket Cartgs

" Lyme 36.6lb Shot. 50lbs Powder, 200. Flints, & 600 Muskit ditto

To Pettipaug 100lb Powder, 72. 6lb Shot.
" Killingworth 100lb Powder, 72. 6lb Shot, 1200 Musket Cartridges

The ammunition to Saybrook Lyme Pettipaug & Killingsworth above mentioned, has all been sent to those places Respectively since the 1st of May Instant, at which time they had some of evry kind drawn from New London, definite quantities or kinds cannot now be fully ascertained.

In all instances whire powder has been sent out for the particular use of artillery, directions have been given to have it made into cartgs Suited to the different calibers of the pieces, for which it would probably be wanted.

The Tents on hand having been made from slight materials, and used one season, are now considerd not to be suffitient to answer the purpose, for which they were originally designed. — very little of the ammunition which has been placd at different deposits along the sea board from Guilford to the Westward, has as yet been expended and is presumed to be now ready for use.

Of the muskets herein reported 2000. were Receivd from the United States; under the contract made by me for the State 544 are not yet deliverd; These are daily expected, having lately been Re-provd examin'd & boxed by Colo Elisha Buell of Marlborough — at the gun factory in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. when these are deliverd the whole number directed by the General Assembly will be competed —

Respectfully submitted,

HARTFORD May 26th 1814. — JOHN MIX Q. M General

[Endorsed] Quarter Master General's Report. — May 1814. — No 2 —

(duplicate) His Excellency Govr Smith.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[5:50]

To Brigadier General Hez. Howe

HARTFORD 26. May 1814

Sir

Pursuant to an arrangement made with the U. States

Inspector General at New London Sanctioned by the Legislature now in session, it becomes necessary to discharge the Subaltern's command of cavalry at New Haven, if it is not already done — Accordingly If they are now in service you will dismiss them, The Gen[l] Assembly have authorized me to direct that such of our militia & state-troops as are *at this time* in service shall be paid their wages in full and it is probable a similar provision will be made for such as *have been* in service the present season — Should this order reach you before the detachment is dismissed you will make out the necessary pay & receipt rolls & the P. M. General on being notified will discharge them — The men however need not be delayed from returning to their homes till the arrival of the P.M. General who is now necessarily engaged in other service — The money will be paid to you for them — There must be distinct rolls for the wages due from the U. States & for the excess allowed by this state — and of the former there must be two setts for the use of the U. S. District paymaster — I trust the men have been duly mustered by an officer of the U. S. — Col. Kingsbury having engaged it should be done —

In haste I am Sir your &c
J. C. Smith

[Endorsed] To B. Gen[l] H. Howe 26. May 1814 Copy —

DAVID DEMING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:51]

Hartford May 27th 1814

Sir

Understanding there is a vacancy of a Captain & other Commissioned Officers in the 1st Troop (State Corps) I take the liberty of recommending to your Excellency, Nathan Williams to fill s[d] vacancy of Captain, Warren A Skinner 1st Lieut Christopher C Gates 2nd Lieut & Sophron Usher, Cornet these persons have been nominated by the company, & their

appointment would be highly pleasing to a large majority of the Troop.

I am very respectfully your Ob^{t}
& Humb^{l} Servt
DAVID DEMING Maj'^{r} Comm^{dr} Cavalry
State Corps

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Col. Deming's recommendations — State Cavalry –

JOHN BRAINERD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:52]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq

Sir

I have this Day Detached from the Reg^{t} under my Command a Subaltern Guard Consisting of one Ensign, two Sergeants, two Corporals, two Musick, & twenty four Privats; to be Stationed at Guard House Point in the first Society of Saybrook about one mile west of the Light House; for the protection of the Inhabitants & their Property in that Vicinity The Soldiers are to furnish themselves with one Days Provisions and I have Directed Ensign Benjamin Doud to call on Amos Sheffield Paymaster of the 7th Reg^{t} for Rations who is to furnish them for the present or untill Orders are Rec^{d} from your Excellency

In Order to shew the Reasons of my calling out the Militia, I will Transcribe a letter Rec^{d} on the 30th instant from Capt William Clark of the first Com^{y} in said Reg^{t} in the Town of Saybrook first Society

SAYBROOK May 29th 1814
Sunday afternoon 3 Oclock

Sir on friday 27 Ins,t there anchored off this River an Enemys Squadron of one Seventy four, one frigate & one Sloop of war, Barges were Seen in the Night from the Ships at the mouth of the River where they Captured one Sloop, on Saturday the Squadron was increased by the addition of one Seventy four & 2 small Vessels which makes the Enemys Squadron off here to Consist of 2.74^{s} 1 frigate 1 sloop war 1 Brig 1 Schooner — In

Consquence of the Probability that the Enemy would Land I ordered out my Company who were on Duty Last Night It is thought a Matter of the utmost Consequence that more Troops should be Ordered to this place, in addition to the Small Guard Stationed at the Fort, as the Barges sixteen in Number are Cruising along our Shores, they made an attack on Killingworth this Morning and Burnt one House near the Sea Coast, but were repulsed in attempting to go up the Harbour — As it is the wish of the Inhabitants of this place that more Troops (in Addition to the few troops stationed at the fort) Should be ordered here & as my Company have been out till they are fatigued, Is it not Expedient to order out an other Company of Militiar to Marh to this Place as soon as posible — If it Could be done this Night it would Relieve the apprehension of our Inhabitants who are very much alarmed

Sign^{d} William Clark
Capt first Com^{y}

The above or foregoing letter came into my hands on Monday morning the 30th instant & I Repaired imediately to Saybrook — and although the Squadron had Removed a little from *the* mouth of the River yet I found that the Inhabitants were under Serious apprehensions; one or two of the Ships were in Sight at the fort Eastward, & a Considerable firing was heard to the westward Supposed to be off Killingworth or Guilford — I enquired of the Lieutanants at the Fort how many men they had there one answered twenty eight, the other Replied that one or two more had arived which made about thirty in the whole If Nothing of a more Serious nature Transpires I shall wait the orders of your Excellency I have the Honour to be your Humble Servt

John Brainerd 2^{d} Lieu^{t} Col

Haddam May 31st 1814 7th Reg^{t} of Connecticut Militia

[Superscribed] His Excelency John C Smith Esq Hartford

[Endorsed] Guard at Saybrook — Col Brainerd 31. May 1814 — rec^{d} 2 June 1814 answ^{d} D^{o} by express —

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:53]

New London 29th May 1814

His excellency John Cotton Smith

Sir I arrived at Saybrook on Friday just as the Gun Boats were passing and three Ships came up after them & anchor'd at the mouth of the harbour, which put the inhabitants in fear, — some moved their effects, & tarried all night — sent for Capt Bray who came immediately, he stated many difficulties, one is the want of Horses to draw his Cannon, I told him that I understood your Excellency, that the Brass pieces were not to be brot into the field or fort, unless actually necessary; I promised to write your excellency on the subject — He has sent to me today and strongly urges that he might have six Horses, and the messenger states that there is now five Ships off Saybrook & that the Barges went into Killingworth & set two vessels on fire, that they were fighting when he came off, and the result not known, he also Requests that he might have the 12lb Cannon (which is here in the fort) sent to him, and 20 Stand of Arms in addition to those which your Excellency directed me to Send Lieut. Parmelee — the arms I shall send, the Horses & Cannon I shall do nothing about unless by directions from your Excellency or Col Mix,

I have called on the U. S. Contractor for Rations, and he says they have not any Pork, & cannot deliver any thing but Beef, which will be rather hard for our men who are accustomd to better fare — I shall send only a part of the rations at present and wait till I have some directions — The Contractor for the last years time expires on the first of June, and we shall be turned off with the poorest kind of Provisions — it is possible that I may be able to obtain better from the new Contractor after the first of June.

On the return of Genl Isham he found the order from the Adjutant General which I have forwarded by Express this evening to Col Randall

I am with perfect Respect
your Excelly Obt Servant
Hez. Goddard

[Superscribed] His Excell^{y} JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford N. London C May 30 10

[Endorsed] Major H. Goddard 29th May 1814 rec^{d} 30th & answ^{d} D^{o} de guard at Saybrook Stonington & horses for artillery &c &c

MOSES HAYDEN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:54]

HARTFORD May 1814.

To his Excel^{y} John C Smith Esqr. .

Capt Genl & Com^{dr} in Chief in & over State of Conn^{t}

Sir, , In consequence of a vacancy of a 1st Lieut, in the 6th Comp . . of the 1st Reg. . of State Troops having as yet existed — The undersign'd humbly begs leave to submit the following recommendation George McNary, now 2^{d} Liut be appointed 1st Liut. Erastus Merells — now Ensign — be appointed 2^{d} do Alvin Squires — now 1st Serg. . be appointed Ensign in Said Company —

This is respectfully from

Your Excellency's Obd^{t}

and very Humb Servt . .

MOSES HAYDEN

May 30th 1814 The above appointments made as proposed —

[Endorsed] Capt. Moses Hayden recom^{n} of candidates 6. com.

1. Reg^{t} State troops —

NOMINATIONS IN THE MILITARY CORPS

[5:55]

Nominations in the Military Corps —

30th May 1814 —

2.	Reg^{t} - Lt Colonel —		Chauncey Whittelsey app^{d}
app^{d}			
app^{d}	1. Major —		Medad Hotchkiss app^{d}
app^{d}	2. D^{o} ——		Asa Copeland app^{d}

Commissioned officers 2nd regiment —

1.	comp.	Captain ——	John Darling	appd
		1 Lieut.———	Samuel Peck	appd
		2 Lieut. ——	Sheldon Hotchkiss	appd
		Ensign ——	Jonathan Law	appd
2.	Comp.	Captain ——	Ebenezer Grovesnor	appd
		1 Lieut.	Peter Grosvenor	appd
		2. Lieut. ——	Jeremiah Scarborough	appd
		Ensign	Benjamin C. Simmons	appd
3rd	Comp.	Captain ——	Elkanah C. Eaton	appd
		1 Lieut. ——	Jared Willson	appd
		2. Lieut. ——	Walter Palmer Junr	appd
		Ensign ——	William E. Robinson	–appd
5th	Comp –	Ensign ——	Timothy Dudley	appd
			of East Guilford (ord. Sergt)	
6th	Comp.	1 Lieut. Benjn Foot —		
		2. Lieut. E. A. Cowles	appointed	
		Ensign — Walter D. Booth	28. July 1814	
8th	Comp.	2 Lieut.	David Hale (Appd	
		Ensign ——	Erastus Fuller (appd	

Commissioned officers 1st regiment —

1. Regt Infantry

1.	Comp.	Captain ——	Darius Starr	appd
		1 Lieut ——	Starr H. Morehouse	appd
		2 Lieut ——	James Warner	appd
		Ensign ——	Thomas Curtis –	appd
6.	Comp.	1 Lieut. ——	George McNary -	appd
		2 Lieut ——	Erastus Merrills -	appd
		Ensign ——	Alvin Squires —	appd

9th	Comp.	1 Lieut. ——	Horatio E. Hale	appd
		2 Lieut ——	Azor Hatch	appd
		Ensign —	Martin Seymour	appd
	Artillery —			
2.	Comp.	2 Lieut ——	Ely Augustus Elliott	appd
		3rd Lieut ——	Thomas Church Junr	appd
	Cavalry			
1.	Comp.	Captain ——	Nathan Williams	appd
		1 Lieut ——	Warren A. Skinner	appd
		2 Lieut ——	Christo C. Gates	appd
		Cornet ——	Sophron Usher —	appd
4th	Comp.	Cornet ——	Lorenzo Bull -	appd Cornet

[Endorsed] Nominations to office in the *Military Corps* — and appointments May Session 1814

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:56]

NORWICH 30th May 1814

My dear sir

On saturday evening Major Perkins handed me your Excellencys favour of the 27th, by which I am induced to apprehend a failure of the order to Colo Randall, which was inclosed to Genl Isham at N London, knowing that Colo Randall lived nearly four miles from the post office & doubting whether your Excy would approve my sending an express (which was my first impression to do) I adopted the course I did to insure a certainty in the receipt of the order —

This morning I have sent an express to Stonington to Colo Randall with a copy of the order heretofore issued which required immediate execution, & a certificate of the arrival of the detachment at the point by a non commd officer to wait on Colo Kingsbury at N L for further directions — & a certificate to me of having completed the detachment — by the

express this day I have directed notice to me of their arrival at the point — If your Excellency will autherise me to send expresses when in my opinion the exigency of the case shall require it — I believe I can guard against failure in the receipt of orders, but not having been *autherised* to make use of expresses I have forwarded by mail, tho in many instances the mails are only weekly, & in some instances the P Office two or three miles distant from the officer to whom the letter was directed — I should have directed Gen[l] Howe to have given me notice of the arrival of the detachment from his brigade at Saybrook, had I not allowed him a sufficient time to execute the order, & by the order they were directed to be at Saybrook on a given day if I recollect — which I believed would be the case & as I since find was the fact — I have inclosed a copy of my letter to Col[o] Randal of the 23[d] & also to Col[o] K — y I have notified some of the petitioners of your excellencys opinion respecting arms — To whom the Q M. Gen[l] has sent the arms & ammunition I know not, as I have not heard of any having been brought to this place

I hope that some steps may be taken to effect an amendment in our militia laws — the want of energy in a time of war is so notorious, that I believe all the citizens would concur in the opinion that the system wants amendment — & I think the present time auspicious to form a system which would render the militia more efficient, & much *nearer* a substitute for regular troops — If practicable it would be desirous to effect a change in the appointment of officers & to guard against officers arriving to the higher grades totally unqualified to perform their duties — — — I can not but feel impressed with the idea, that those who are exempted from personal service as militia, should be completely equipped & pay annually to a military chest if within — — — year & — — years — *I* would wish to strike at the root of the evil & have a new system [missing] — diminish the cavalry — — increase the artillery, & foster the flank companies — *encourage* the enrollment at 16, by a credit on the parents list — make compensation for inspection, & permit certificats of equipment to be given by inspectors only — Allow all householders who are liable to be

called on in any possible emergency to have a voice in the election of company Officers

Gen[l] Footes pay rolls came on here last friday by Major May, but are so imperfect that Major May returns without payment to have them completed — I regret the inattention & inability, which causes so much vexation —

I am dear sir with esteem & respect
your excellencys humble serv[t]
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Exc[y] Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Adj[t] General 30. May 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HENRY SMITH

[5:57]

30. May 1814

Sir

I have received and attentively considered your letter of the 9th instant At the time of Major T. W. William's promotion I understand you did not hold the oldest commission in the regiment as captain — If such be the fact I am inclined to the opinion that you cannot be said to have been Superceded, even admitting that any military appointment made by the General Assembly is viewed in that light — a principle not readily granted —.

Under this impression I think Gen[l] Isham was correct in refusing you a dismission merely on the ground you Suggest —

Should there exist other & sufficient reasons for your discharge I make no doubt that officer will readily comply with the request —

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:58]

BRIDGEPORT May 30th 1814

Sir

In Complyance with your Excellencys order I Caused to be detached from the 4th Brigde one Liut and 40 non Commisioned officers Musians and privates to Serve as a gard at

Bridgeport and Visinity — the grater part of which are now on duty — I wright your Exellency this to inform you that no provitions for this detachment for Subsistanc is made by the United States Nither has their ben an officer of the United States here to Muster them as was mentioned by your Excellencys Letter they were Mustered by an Adjutant of the 4th Regt and placed under Command of Luit Mathew Curtis a respectable and inteligent young man — I have so far given orders for their Subsistanc at 18 Cents pr ration until arrangements are made by the State or United States —

Sir being on the ground and Seing the opperation of this detachment I take the Liberty to Sugest that it is evident to me that one Subaltern is insufficient to manage this detachment to do Justice to their drill and keep them in proper Subordination as I find Some are Like to be fracturus and disobediant — if it be Consistant by detaching another Subaltarn and add to this detachmt I am Sattisfied it will be of grate Service and pleasing to Liut Curtis who now has the Command

I Should not have taken the Liberty to Suggest this to your Excellency had not the Militia Law ben So insufficiant in regard to Calling out and Conducting the Militia in actual Service I have no doubt but your Excellency has with regret notised how insufficiant the Militia Law is in this respect — as the Law now Stands twelve dollars pr Month is all the penilty Can be inflicted on any one who refuses and it is doubtfull in Case of a detachment Like this Wheather that Can be Collected but ownly in Case of an allarrum I am Sattisfied if the Soldier new what the Law was not one to ten would turn out — but so Long Sir as I have the honour to Command any porsion of the Militia My best abilitys Shall be imployed in the Care of the Militia and in Carrying any order from your Excellency or ithers of my Superiors into execution — I beg your Exelleny to excuse the Libertys I have taken in this frank and Candid statemt I have the honour to be your obet

Sevt Enoch Foote

His Exelleny J. C Smith Esqr

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esqr Hartford

[Endorsed] Brigd General Foote 30. May 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[5:59]

HARTFORD 30. May 1814

Sir —

Your letter of yesterday is received — Col. Staples with whom I have conferred & who has particularly examined the gun belonging to the State in Fort Griswold is of opinion that it would be altogether inexpedient to remove it to Saybrook — Besides that Capt. Bray has not men to manage that & his other pieces we have no suitable ammunition for it — Should another gun be required at Fort Fenwick we must mount one of a description to which our balls are adapted —

Capt. Bray must be furnished with horses for his field-pieces either by purchase or hire — you will exercise your best judgment in procuring them —

As our troops are to be supplied with subsistence by the U. States I must refer you to Col. Kingsbury for the necessary orders to effectuate that object — He has undoubtedly a copy of the contract under which supplies are furnished and I rely upon it he will see it faithfully executed both in relation to the quantity & quality of the provisions — If this is done I trust our men will not be disposed to complain especially as the State gratuitously affords them vegetables in addition to the ordinary allowance —

You have done right in forwarding to Capt. Bray a further supply of muskets.

In haste I am Sir your
ob^{t} & hum Ser^{t} —
J. C. S. —

Major H. GODDARD
D. Q. Master Genl

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard 30. May 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[5:60]

HARTFORD 30. May 1814 —

Sir

The resolution of the Assembly contemplates the payment of our militia and state troops in full, in case the United States

omit to pay the wages due from that government — You will therefore, in future, ascertain from the U. States paymaster that he is not in funds for that purpose before you proceed to discharge the *entire* wages —

I am Sir your obedient
and humble Servant
J. C. Smith

Major H. Goddard
Paymaster General —
[Endorsed] To Paymaster Gen[l] de payment of the troops &c —
30. May 1814

JAMES H. WELLS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:61]

Hartford May 31st 1814

Sir,

I take the liberty of requesting your Excellency's permission to resign the commission I hold as 4th Lieut in the first Cy Gov's Ft Gaurds.

Being a native of England I should be very unwilling in any event to act against my native Country: and being most sincerely attached to State of Connecticut and the United States of America, a failure of duty to my adopted Country, would be equally repugnant to my feelings. The time I have held a commission is but short, but I beg leave to state to Your Excellency that I have constantly done duty in the Gaurds for twelve years; I hope to the satisfaction of my superiors, certainly, with pleasure to myself. A desire of avoiding an obligation to discharge a duty incompatible with my situation, makes me wish to leave a Corps in which I have received promotion far beyond my expectations or desserts.

With the greatest respect I subscribe myself
Your Excellencys most obt hble Sert
James H Wells 4th Lieut 1st Co Gov F Gds

To his Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esqr
Govr & Commander in Chief

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Hartford
[Endorsed] Lieut. J^{s} H. Wells Resignation — 1. Comp. Govr
Guards accepted 1. June 1814 order issued 3rd June

MILL RIVER PETITION

[5:62]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Govr Captn Genl & Commander in Chief in & Over the State of Connecticut.

The Petition of Jeremiah Sturges Joseph Wakeman. Walter Perry. & others inhabitants of Mill River in Fairfield Humbly Sheweth, that the Enemies Vessels and Barges are daily Cruising in L Island Sound to the Constant fear & alarm of the Inhabitants Living on the Shore, and Frequently Entering into Small Harbours, or Landing onppoints of Land, Whareby Loss and Damage are sustain^{d} from their fire & plunder, and Whareas the Village of Mill River Consisting of thirteen Stores about Forty Dwelling Houses and One Grist Mill Lies Directly on the Sound, with a point of Land on Each Side, (the Situation of Which Your Excelly is Well Acquainted With by Actual observation from Visiting the place last Summer) Either of Which places may be Landed on or Entered into by the Enemies Barges with Ease, and the Village Burnt or Plundered with Expedition, before it would be possible to Alarm and Collect any Military force, (unless there is a Constant Guard kept to first give the Alarm) in Consequence of the Militia residing at a Distance from the shore, the Anxiety of the people in this place for the Safety of their Lives and property has Caus^{d} them to keep Watch for a long time in hopes thare would be some Change for the better, that would Supersede the Necessity of a Guard, tharefore Would not Trouble Your Excelleny With this their Humble petition and prayer, but as thare is no Change nor any prospect of any the keeping a Constant Watch has become Verry Burthensome, tharefore We pray Your Excellency to Grant us, And Station a Small Guard here Consisting of Twelve to Twenty Men taken from the Volunteer Exempt Comp^{y} belonging to this place, that they may Alarm the Inhabitants and Give them time to

prepare themselves to Meet the Enemy in Case of their Making an Attempt to Land at any time Either by Night or Day or in Some otherway Grant relief and as in Duty bound Will Ever pray —

Jeremiah Sturges
Jesup Wakeman
Walter Perry
Jonathan Bulkley
Salmon Sherwood
Barnabas L Sturges
Ebenr Dimon Jr
Thads W Bennet
Morgan Morgans
Joseph Perry Ju
Wm Pike
John Hull
John Mitchell
Walter Thorp Jr
Joseph White
Joab Squire
Charles Perry
Amasa Patterson
Isaac H Osborn
John Robinson
Ephm Robbins
John Osborn Jnr
Seth Jennings
Abm Hubbell
Wm B. Dimon
Jeremiah Osborn
Nehemiah B Alvord
Eleazar Bulkley
Wm Robinson
Wright Weekes
E P Sturges
Benjn Darrow
Thos Davis —

[Endorsed] Mill River Petition

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA BUELL

[5:63]

I do hereby authorize and request Colonel Elisha Buell of Marlborough to examine and prove the muskets mentioned in the resolve of Assembly of which the within is a copy — pursuant to the directions therein given — and the Quarter Master General is hereby directed to cause the arms to be delivered to Col. Buel at his armory for that purpose — The examination & proof to be completed previous to the first day of October next & report made to me accordingly —

Given under my hand at Hartford
the 1. day of June A D 1814

J. C. Smith

Copy of my endorsement on the resolution & deliverd to Col. Buell —

GEORGE GOODWIN JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:64]

To his Excellency Gov. Smith,

Sir,

In consequence of ill-health, I am induced to tender to your Excellency, the resignation of my commission of Cornet, which I have the honor to hold in the 4th Company of the squadron of Cavalry, composing a part of the State Troops

With great respect
I am your Excellencys H Servant

George Goodwin Jr

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith

[Endorsed] Cornet Goodwin's resignation - accepted 2 June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BRAINERD

[5:65]

Hartford 2. June 1814

Sir —

Your communication under date of the 31st ultº has arrived by a conveyance to me wholly unknown — You should have forwarded it *by express* So that orders could have reached you without delay —

You will permit the detachment to remain at Saybrook until you receive further orders — They must be immediately mustered — if no officer of the United States is present — let them be mustered by some commissioned officer of the militia below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel — The Subaltern commanding the detachment will be subject to the order of Capt. A. Bray commanding officer at that post and will receive Subsistence for his men through Capt. Bray from the U. States contractor at New London —

This order is forwarded by express — You will cause immediate notice of it to be given to Capt. Bray and the officer commanding the detachment —

I am Sir your ob^{t} & hum
Se^{rt}

[Endorsed] To Col. Brainerd

DANIEL CROWELL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:66]

HARTFORD 2: June 1814

John Cotton Smith Esq.
Captain Genl &c &c

Sir

Having done Military duty in the Artillery Comp^{y} & Govenors Foot Guard for about Seventeen Years, & for the last ten or twelve Years in the Guards — I beg leave with your Excellency's permission, to resign the commission of Ensign, which I have the honor of holding at this time. —

My health is such, owing to a very severe attack of the Rheumatism last summer, which confined me to the House for almost three months, that I do not feel myself able to do the duties of the office.

I have the honor
to be, very respectfully,
Yr Excellency's M^{o}
Ob^{t} Servt
DAN^{l} CROWELL

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr, Capt Genl &c &c. Hartford
[Endorsed] Ensign D. Crowell's Resignation — Accepted 3. June 1814 order issued same day

JOSIAH B. MORSE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:67]

NEW HAVEN June 2nd 1814

His Excellency John C Smith Esqr
Sir

Major W^{m} A Babcock Com^{dt} 2nd Company of Horse Guards having Dec^{d} — I beg leave to Solicit your Exelencys directions and advise — the situation of the business of the Company respecting fines for non appearance on the last monday in April & 1st monday in May 1814 is that no warrant has been Isued for the collection of the same by our Late Dec^{d} Commander I am at a loss what is to be done can I Grant a warrant for the collection of said fines or are we without a remedy your Exelency will please to direct me what is to be done

I am sir your Obedient se^{t}
JOSIAH B MORSE Lieu^{t}
2nd Company Governors
Horse Guards

[Superscribed] His Exelency JOHN C, SMITH Esqr Hartford
[Endorsed] Capt. J. B. Morse — of Horse guards — death of Major Babcock 2 - June - 1814 - rec^{d} 3rd answ^{d} 4th

[The following is on the inside sheet of the preceeding letter]

HARTFORD 4. June 1814

Sir — Your letter of the 2nd instant is received — By the death of Major Babcock, which I greatly lament, the command of the 2nd company of Govr Horse Guards necessarily devolves upon you; and you will accordingly perform the duties of com^{t} until the vacancy shall be supplied —

I am Sir your obt & hum se^{t}
J. C. S. —

Capt. MORSE

GENERAL ORDERS

[5:70]

State of Connecticut

General Orders — 4. June 1814

The Captain General directs that the Brigadier General commanding the Military corps of the State call out the troops by companies, squadron, battalion or regiment as to him shall seem expedient for discipline and inspection and at such times as he shall designate not exceeding four days in the year —

The following alterations are allowed in the uniform of the corps — viz —

The Brig^{d} General will wear no feather in the hat — His coat shall be like the coats of the field officers of the Infantry except that the cape & cuffs shall be buff instead of red — the turning up of the skirts buff instead of white and the buttons and lace gold instead of silver —

Instead of epaulettes the officers of the cavalry shall wear the following badges — viz —

Major commandant — three silver crescents with a star in each on each arm —

Captains — Three like crescents with stars on the right arm —

Subalterns Three like crescents with stars on the left arm —

By order of the capt. Genl & Com^{r} in chief

[Endorsed] General Orders Military corps — 4. June 1814

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:71]

New London

5 June 1814

Sir

Your letter of the 2^{d} instant is received. It is my opinion that the detachment of Militia continued in Service by your order is highly necessary for the protection of Saybrook & its Vicinity, under existing circumstances & the measure meets with my entire concurrence.

I take the liberty of suggesting the propriety of authorizing the Adjutant General to detach troops at my requisition. The necessity of this arrangement, would be great in case the

enemy should appear off this part, in force sufficient to induce the belief of an immediate attack. In an event of this kind, it is obvious that the length of time taken, in making application to your Excellency would entirely defeat the end proposed by the requisition.

I am with the highest respect
Your Excellency's most Obed^{t}
Humble Servant
JACOB KINGSBURY
Inspector General
Commanding 2nd U. S. Mil. Dist.

His Excel^{y}
J. C. SMITH
Gov: Connecticut

[Endorsed] From Col. Kingsbury 5. June 1814 —

Copy — Guards — also requesting the Ad. Genl may be directed to receive his requisitions — See letter to him of the 18th

BENJAMIN PRIME TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:72]

NEW HAVEN June 6th 1814

Sir

On the 21st of May last I was notified that I was fined seven dollars and fifty cents for non appearance and neglect of military duty, in the 2nd Company of Governors foot guards, on the 25th, and 27th days of April, and on the 3^{d} day of May last. on the 25th and 27th of April, the Company met only in the afternoon, and not in uniform, for the purpose of exercise and on both of these days I was absent at New York on business of necessity — On the 3^{d} of May I was sick — and unable to attend —

These reasons for absence were in season rendered to Major Bradley; and by him deemed not sufficient — from his judgment I appeal to your Excellency for a final decision — I am now forty years old — my health is bad — my business calls me out of town very often — for these reasons, I have applied to Major Bradley for a discharge from said Company — that I might do duty in the Militia — but this request has not been complied with —

I am now induced to apply to your Excellency for such a discharge, and hope I may succeed in obtaining it —

I am with great respect your
Excellencies Obed^{t} Ser^{t},
BENJAMIN PRIME

His Excellency JOHN C- SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Hartford

[Endorsed] Benjamin Prime's appeal — rec^{d} 7th June - 2. Comp. Govr Guards — wrote Major Bradley to Suspend the collection 'till Oct. Session — 7th June 1814

ELIAS SELDEN JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:73]

MIDDLETOWN June 6th 1814

Sir

I take this opportunity to inform His Excellency that I am dissatisfied with the conduct of David Shepherd in returning my name to Capt Buell I acknowledge that I did wrong in puting my name to the orders but I heared that the company of Artillery in Haddam had that privilege and I supposed it to be the same in this company not having heard any thing from Capt Buell since I saw His Excellency in Hartford last summer till the latter part of April when I received a warning to appear at Marlborough the 5th of May I did not go but did duty in the old militia where I am willing to take my turn with the rest of the militia if His Excellency should think propper to clear me and would give me a discharge from said company he would oblige me very much

I have information that Shepherd tells Capt Buell that I did not request him to erase my name from the orders untill the time was out but this I can prove to be fals for there were three present when I requested him to erase it from the orders thinking that this might be setled without much trouble or cost I shall only send my thanks to His Excellency

ELIAS SELDEN Junr
SHARON 21. June 1814

Sir

Your letter of the 6th instant addressed to me at Hartford has been forwarded to this place —

You will reflect that it must be improper for me to decide your case merely on your own declaration without other proof — If you will Send me a statement of the principal facts on which you rely Supported by the affidavit of a disinterested witness or witnesses I shall make no delay in forming Such a determination as justice may require —

I am Sir your obt Sert

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford Ct

[Endorsed] Elias Selden Junr — a private in Mil. corps — 6. June 1814 recd 17th answd —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[5:74]

HARTFORD 6. June 1814 —

Dr Sir —

The Q. M. General has orders to furnish a Sufficiency of the Munitions of war at Norwich — In case an additional field piece for your artillery company cannot be mounted immediately he will remove the Six pounder from Windham to Norwich for their present use —

I think it adviseable now to make provision for a new detachment of the Same number to take the place of the present guard at Stonington when their term of service expires — Say from the brigade adjoining the third, exempting from the draft those who were considered as performing either in person or by substitute a tour of duty the last season — The term of Service in future will be *sixty days* unless sooner discharged — The trouble & expense of making detachments more frequently it is desireable to avoid —

You will be pleased to issue orders in Season conformably to the foregoing ideas — The order sent to Col. Randal, of which you forwarded me a copy, is conceived in very proper terms — The particular instructions to the Subaltern commanding the detachment are excellent & I could wish you to

repeat them in future cases of the kind — — — It is of vast moment to select *a good* Subaltern for such a Service — I hope you will find a method of accomplishing this without doing violence to propriety — Notice should be given Col. Kingsbury of the intended arrival of the detachment that the Muster may be duly made — notice also to the Pay Master Genl. of the State when the time of the present guard will expire — and for what period the new detachment is ordered out —

The requisition for Saybrook is 1 capt. 3 sub. &c & 60 privates of Artillery — The term of the present guard will expire at the end of Sixty days from the 20th May — Give me your opinion whether it is best to take whole companies or to detach from all or a part of the militia artillery companies — and if the latter — what Section of the state? — I have many more things to mention, but time will not permit — mentioned exempts in Norwich — Mystic — directed to include also the substance of Act of Congress concerning Musters in his order for detachment

[Endorsed] To Adjt General 6. June 1814 — Guard at Stonington &c —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GARRIT SMITH

[5:75]

HARTFORD 6. June 1814 —

Garrit Smith Esquire Brigadier General of the eighth Brigade of Militia

Sir

At the request of the President of the United States, through Colonel Jacob Kingsbury Inspector General at New London, you are hereby directed to detach from your brigade one Subaltern and forty noncommissioned officers, musicians and privates of infantry, to serve as a guard at Bridgeport and vicinity for the term of Sixty days from the 12th day of July next; on which last mentioned day the term of Service of the present guard will expire — The detachment will be mustered by an officer of the United States — If no Such officer appears *at the time the men enter upon duty* you will signify to the Commanding officer of the detachment that he Cause the troops

to be mustered by some officer of the militia near that post below the rank of Lieutenant colonel — Subsistence will be furnished by the United States, and other military Supplies by the Quarter Master General — In making your detachment you will exempt such as are considered to have performed, either in person or by Substitute, a tour of duty at New London the last Season —

By order of His Ex. the Captain General

[Endorsed] Order to B. General Garrit Smith — detachment at Bridgeport —

MARTIN ELLSWORTH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:76]

HARTFORD June 6th 1814

His Excellency Governor Smith

Sir

Being satisfied that I can no longer serve as Major in the State Corps, with honor to myself and the State, I am induced to request of your Excellency a discharge from any-further duty in that capacity, and that your Excellency will be pleased to accept of the resignation of my-Commission

I am with respect your
most Obedt & Humle Servt
MARTIN ELLSWORTH
Sylvanus Backus *
Asa Chapman
Aaron Smith
Jona W. Edwards
Thomas Day Clrk

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Hartford

[Endorsed] Major M. Ellsworth's resignation — accepted by advice & consent of the Council —

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* Written in handwriting of J.C.S.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO BRIGADIER GENERALS ISHAM, FOOTE AND HOWE

[5:77]

HARTFORD 6. June — [1814]

Sir

I am directed by His Ex. the Capt. Gen[l] to transmit to you the Subjoined copy of the 11th section of an Act of Congress passed at their last Session, and to request whenever militia are called into service within the limits of your brigade that they be mustered as is therein provided — This measure is necessary in order to insure the payment of their wages —

You will please to give this information to such officers *on the coast* under your command as are authorized by law to order militia into service in virtue of the 26th paragraph of the "Act for forming & conducting the military force of this state" — —

By order of the Capt. Gen[l] &
Com. in chief —

[Endorsed] Copy of Orders sent to the Brigadier Generals, Isham, Foote & Howe — 6. June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JACOB KINGSBURY

[5:78]

HARTFORD 7. June 1814 —

Sir

At the request of the Mayor of New Haven and by advice of the Council of this State I have thought proper this day to order a guard consisting of two Subalterns 2 Sergeants 2 Corporals 2 musicians & fifty four privates of infantry to be stationed immediately with Suitable row-boats at that harbour — I trust you will concur in this arrangement & will accordingly direct the men to be mustered and Subsistence to be furnished —

My letter of the 2nd instant remains unanswered —

I shall leave this city tomorrow morning Be pleased to address to me at Sharon (Con) —

I am Sir with respect your
obt & hum. Servant
J. C. Smith

Col. J. Kingsbury —
Inspector General &c
New London

[Endorsed] To Col. J. Kingsbury 7. June — 1814 Guard at N. Haven

NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:79]

His Excelly Govr Smith Hartford June 7th 1814

Sir

Having examined the inclosed papers pursuant to your Excellencys directions, I am of Opinion that Mr Coit is entitled to a discharge from the Military Corps, for the reason alledged — Whether he ought to be discharg'd from further Military Duty, I do not presume to decide, not conceiving that my opinion was required upon this Question — I am Respectfully your Excellency's most

obedt servt Nathl Terry

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr Smith Hartford

[Endorsed] Genl Terry's opinion in Sergeant Roger Coit's case —

ORDER FOR DISCHARGE OF ROGER COIT

[5:80]

Having examined the representation of Roger Coit a Sergeant in the 7th company, 2nd regiment of the military corps and the evidence addressed in Support of it I have thought proper to discharge the said Sergeant Roger Coit from Service and he is hereby discharged accordingly —

Given under my hand at Hartford the
Seventh day of June 1814 —

[On back]

I enclose a discharge for Sergeant Roger Coit in whose behalf you have felt some interest — Will you be so kind as to take charge of it? & thereby oblige him as well as your friend & ob^{t} se^{r}

Hon. Mr GODDARD —

[To Hezekiah Goddard]

MEMORANDUM FOR GUARD AT NEW HAVEN

[5:81]

A Guard for New Haven

1 Lieut	Infantry —
2 Sergeants	
2 Corporals	
2 Musicians	
24 Privates	
31	

Of Seamen

1 officer — to Command Row Guard

30 Seamen —

62 Total

31 —

Arrangement made 7th June 1814 at a conference with Hon. E. Goodrich, Col. S. P. Staples and Charles Denison Esqr — Order issued accordingly —

[Endorsed] Guard at N. Haven Mem^{d} — by Col. Staples & the Mayor

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[5:82]

HARTFORD 7th June 1814

Brigadier General Hezekiah Howe

Sir

Pursuant to arrangements made with the Government of the U. States and by advice of the Council you are hereby directed to furnish immediately a guard consisting of two Subalterns, 2 Sergeants, 2 corporals 2 musicians & 54 privates of infantry to be stationed at New Haven & also to serve as a rowguard in the harbour — for the term of Sixty days from their arrival at the post — Of the above number you will detach from your brigade 1 Lieut. 2 Sergeants, 2 corporals 2 musicians and twenty four privates exempting those from the draft who were considered as having either in person or by substitute performed a tour of duty at N. London the last season, also exempting those residing in towns adjoining the sound — The residue will be furnished from volunteers accustomed to Sea-service to be selected in a mode which will be communicated to you by Col. S. P. Staples, it being presumed such can be obtained for this purpose at the usual wages & ration allowed to our militia — if not you will complete the detachment from your brigade You will have the whole duly mustered as infantry by an officer of the U. States when they enter upon duty, or if no such officer is present then by an officer of the militia in the mode prescribed by the late act of congress Subsistence will be furnished by the U. States under the direction of Col. Kingsbury N. London to whom notice is now sent — and other Supplies by the Q. M. General — excepting that vegetables for the men will be delivered by the Commissary General —

By order of the Capt. Gen[l] and
Commander in chief —

[Endorsed] Order to Gen[l] Howe 7. June 1814 — Guard at N. Haven

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[5:83]

HARTFORD 7. June 1814

Elisha Colt Esquire Comptroller

Sir —

You will be pleased to draw on the treasurer in favour of Colonel John Mix Quarter Master General for five thousand dollars — that Sum being required for public Service and for which he is to account with you —

$5000 — JOHN COTTON SMITH —

[Endorsed] Order on the Comptroller in favour of Col. Mix Q. M. G. for $5000 — 7. June 1814 —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:84]

NORWICH 7th June 1814

dear sir

Last evening I recd a line from Colo Fowler Adjt of the *Artillery Battalion of exempts*, covering an inspection return of his battalion — — — with the following note at bottom "The companies that have ordinance, are furnished with shott & cannister, but are short of powder — those companies that have not ordinance, are a part of them armed with muskets & other implements of infantry — I am directed to inform you that it is the wish of the Colo & officers commanding companies, that field ordinance may be provided for those companies that have none as soon as may be convenient"

Presuming that what supplies have been furnished Colo Fowlers battalion were directed by your excellency through the Q M Genl — I have deferred replying to the application until I am directed what reply to make — — The *Location* of those companies would make it desireable that they should be furnished — — I inclose the inspection return —

[June 9th] Last Eveng by Mr Shipman I recd your Excy['s] several favours of the 28th May covering E Guilford Association & the 6th of instant June respecting detachments &c

I have this day made an order to Colo Randall in obedience to your order of June 1st to complete the detachment made

by him on the 30th of May — — I have prepared an order for Gen[l] Salter of the 5 brigade to make a detachment to relieve the men now at Stonington point & to be there on the 1st of July for sixty days —

Between me & many of the officers with whom I must occasionally correspond, we have no post direct, & in other instances weekly, would it not be expedient to *authorise* me to exercise discretion when to use the mail & when to employe an express —

Thursday is Mail Day to Mansfield to Gen[l] Salter, of course by mail, he can not receive a line till next week — In reply to the suggestion of your Excellency as to the mode for detaching artillery I would observe that if probably it would not be frequently the case, the inequality by detaching companies would be a minor evil, but under the present aspect I should prefer detaching artillery from the brigades *in turn* rather than by companies having reference to the numbers in each brigade, or since the Legislature have provided an Inspector of division by detaching from divisions — — — It is desireable to have only a due proportion of Officers — & it is equally so, not to detach too large a proportion of artillery from any particular brigade, which is more easily avoided in the latter than in the former mode — The last year at different times I detached three companies of artillery from the 5th brigade & two from the first brigade, & so far as my recollection serves me no other excepting from the State troops & the 3d brigade — — — the companies from the 3d brigade were out more than once — the 2d, 6th 7th & 8th brigades have returned one company each, neither of which (I believe) have been detached by me & there is no company in the 1st brigade which hath not had a tour — I presume your excellency doth not calculate to detach from the coast brigades

I yesterday accidentally heared that the Legislature reduced a company in the 5th brigade last year — — — having supposed that the Statute confined that kind of duty to your Exc[y] I supposed my files would show any alterations of limits from the charter limits, at the time of incorporation; but if frequent alterations in limits of companies *by resolve* should be

made by the Legislature, I apprehend a serious difficulty of ascertaining limits of companies may be hereafter experienced — The duty of the Adj^{t} Genl is now much too arduous to be done without remuneration yet some further duty might with convenience to your excellency & for the public interest be required of him if the parsimony of the state would permit compensation

Your Excellency must be well aware that the last & present year has required much time in performance of the duties of my office — still I had rather do a little more than not have business sent through its regular channel — — — For my services last year a part of *my dues according to law* & for which I have exhibited my acc^{t} to the Q M Genl & which hath been forwarded, are yet unpaid, say about $240

Some parts of your excellency's letter to which no particular reply is necessary — — — say respecting mustering, also respecting exempt companies shall be attended to —

I am with esteem respectfully yours
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Govr SMITH
[Endorsed] Ad. Genl 7th& 9th June '14 rec^{d} 17th answ^{d} 18th

GERSHOM BURR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:85]

FAIRFIELD 13th June 1814

The people in this vicinity are apprehensive that we may have a visit from the enemy in the course of the summer particularly as we are totaly defenceless — I would suggest to your Excellency the propriety of allowing a small guard to be stationed in this town, merely as a look out — There is a Small farm house on the high ground called Sasco-hill which marks the East side of the harbour of Mill river — The proprietor has given his consent that the same may be used as a guard house — so that their need be no expence for that purpose — The house above is about 1½ Miles from the Court house & about the same from Mill river I am of the opinion that a small guard is realy necessary at this place and as it respects the public at large more so than the one at Bridgeport — the situa-

tion above alluded to being a very commanding one as to prospect so much so that Vessels — coming from the Eastward are sooner seen than at that place —

GERSHOM BURR

His Excellency J. C. SMITH
[Endorsed] Col. Gershom Burr's representation — de mill river —

JONATHAN STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:86]

FAIRFIELD June 13th 1814

Sir

As the Enemy seem to put on The Appearance of carrying on the Warr more vigourously than they have hitherto done the People on the Coast grow more alarmed. and more anxious for the Preservation of themselves and their Property. The People of the Mill River which Place I understand you have visited have made some considerable Sacrifices for their own Safety feel as tho it were right for them to receive some Aid from the Publick & propose a Guard of twelve Men to be enlisted from the Company of Exempts established there which will considerably lighten their Burthen: give some Security & serve in some Degree to quiet their Minds, should your Excellency approve this Proposition. Capt Jeremiah Sturges the bearer of this will wait on you to receive Orders to this Effect. and I doubt not will execute them in an acceptable Manner. there is a pretty little Settlement commencing at that Place & promises to grow to such Extent as to yield Support to a considerable Collection of Citizens I pray your Excelly to favour their Application as far as may consist with the publicke Good . . and remain

very respectfully
your Excellency's
most humble Servant
JONn STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Hon1 Jona Sturges 13. June 1814 — de guard at Mill-river —

EBENEZER DIMON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:87]

FAIRFIELD June 13th 1814

His Excellency John C Smith

The bearer of this is Capt Jeremiah Sturges of this Town who proposes to wait on your Excellency with an application for a small guard to be stationed at Millriver, to be inlisted from the Exempts in that place; which you may recollect is Situated on the Sound, & from this circumstance more exposed to depredation from the Enemy than our landings generally — The success of this application would be very acceptable to the inhabitants in this vicinity if consistant with the arangements made for the protection of the State

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Humle
servt E DIMON

I am of the same Opinion
of Sheriff Dimon DAVID BURR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Sheriff E. Dimon 13. June 1814 — Guard at Millriver

REPORT BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT

[5:88]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
In Senate June 14. 1814

The Committee of both houses, appointed to consider the Communication from Governor of Pennsylvania, — proposing an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, by which the term of service of Senators in Congress shall be reduced from six to four years — report that it is not expedient so to alter the Constitution —

SAMUEL PUTMAN, P order,
Read and Accepted.
sent down for Concurrence,
JOHN PHILLIPS President

In the House of Representatives
June 14. 1814.

Secretary's Office Read and Concurred
A true Copy TIMOTHY BIGELOW Speaker
Attest.
ALDEN BRADFORD
Sec^{y} of Commonth

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:89]

NEW LONDON June 14th 1814

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Eq^{ur}

sir. I am this momint informed by Col^{n} Kingsbury confidentially with the liberty of apprising your Excellency that Col^{n} Benjamin has received an order from Genl Izard to march his Regiment immediately to the Lakes to join him, which will take all the regular troops from this place except. Capt Richards company which consists of forty men & thirty eight only fit for duty left to man both forts & that he shall be under the necessity of making a requisition for a large number of militia to go into the forts unless the order which Genl Izard has given is countermanded by the Secretary of War to whom Col^{n} Kingsbury has writen on the subject & has detained the troops untill he receives an answer which will proverbly be by wednesday of next week — presuming that no arrangement had been made for such a state of things I considered it my duty to apprise your Excellency of what may happen should not the order be countermanded by the Secretary of War

I am sir with perfect respect
your Excellencys obedient
& Humble Servant
HEZ. GODDARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Sharon N. London. C June 15 12 ½

[Endorsed] Major H. Goddard — 14. June 1814 rec^{d} 21st & answ^{d} by express —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[5:90]

State of Connecticut —

Capt. Jer: Sturges 2 comp. volunteer artillery —

Sir —

You will detach from your company one Sergeant two corporals and twelve privates to Serve as a guard at or near Mill river in Fairfield until farther orders — Subsistence will be furnished by the United States under the direction of Col. Jacob Kingsbury commanding at New London and you will not embody the men until his orders are received for the Supplies — Whenever the men shall be called into service you will see that they are mustered as militia either by an officer of the United States or by some officer of the militia below the rank of Lt Colonel agreeably to the late Act of Congress, and exclusive of the monthly return you will also cause a like muster at the close of the service — given under my hand 15th June 1814

[Endorsed] Order to Capt. Sturges for a guard at Mill-river —
15. June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JACOB KINGSBURY

[5:91]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 15. June 1814

Sir —

The harbour of Mill-river in Fairfield is much exposed to the depredations of the enemy — The inhabitants have volunteered to keep guard until they have become exhausted with the fatigue & expense — At their earnest solicitation I have consented that a guard be stationed at that point until further orders, consisting of one Sergeant two corporals & twelve privates taken from the volunteers in the neighbourhood, & to be mustered as militia — Previous to calling out the men I have directed that you be informed of the arrangement — & that they be not embodied until your orders are forwarded for their subsistence — — Capt. Sturges of the volunteers or some other gentleman from Fairfield will call on you & receive

your instructions — and I shall feel obliged by your communicating to me the result —

With much respect I am Sir
your ob. & hm sv^{t}
J. C. S —

[Endorsed] Letter to Col. Kingsbury de guard at Mill-river —

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:92]

New London
15 June 1814

Sir,

Your Excellency's letter of the 2d was received & answered on the 5th inst.

I have no hesitation in assuring your Excellency of my entire concurrence, in the measures adopted, for the protection, of the Harbour of New Haven.

I have some expectation that the 37: Regiment of Infantry now on this station will soon be ordered to the frontier. In an event of this kind, some further arrangements, must be made with Your Excellency for the protection of this place.

I have the honor to remain
with the highest respect
Your Excellency's
obedient servant
Jacob Kingsbury
Inspect^{t} General —

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Gov: of the State of Connecticut Sharon (Conn) N. London June 15 Inspec^{r} Gen^{s} office, 2^{d} Mil. Dist Jacob Kingsbury Inspec^{r} General free

[Endorsed] Col. J. Kingsbury 15. June 1814 — rec^{d} 21st and answered same day *by express*

JOHN BRAINERD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:93]

New Haven June 16th 1814

Sir

In Your Order of the 2nd instant you Directed me to Permit the Detachment to remain at Saybrook untill I Rec'd further Orders — I imediately gave Notice to Cap't Bray and the Officer Commanding the Detachment, and the men were Mustered According to your Directions — the Detachment were Complete in Number and Equipments — — — Except one or two who did not appear The men are now growing quite uneasy as there is no limited time set for them to be Discharged — they turned out with Cheerfulness as they were Detached for only ten Days; and I presume that they would with the Same Cheerfulness Serve other ten Days if they were Sure of being Discharged after Serving twenty Days from their Arrival at the Rendesvous — most of the Detachment is made from the Town of Haddam to which I belong, and many of them have familys who are Dependant on their Dayly Labor for Subsistance The men Belonging to the 7th Reg't have nearly all been Detached on a tour of Duty Except those Companies Bordering on the Sea Shore — there is Now on Duty at Saybrook from the Town of Haddam upwards of forty men Belonging to Cap't Brays Company & the Detachment made by me Sir if this guard could be Discharged or Relieved from Some other Regment, or from the 7th Reg't would it not be well as they are now on Suspense — If I do not Receive any orders from you Soon may I not take the Liberty of Detaching a New guard to Relieve the one now on Duty I write this that I may Receive Instructions from your Excellency

I am with Respect your Obedient Seru't
John Brainerd 2nd Lieut Col.
Comdt 7 Regt Militia

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esq Sharon Connecticut 10

[Endorsed] Col. J. Brainerd 16. June 1814 — recd 21st answd Do

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JACOB KINGSBURY

[5:94]

SHARON 18. June 1814

Sir

Your letter of the 5th instant, mailed 8th addressed to me at Hartford, is just received —

The mode you Suggest of authorizing the Adjutant General to receive requisitions for militia might perhaps be liable to exception & would certainly be attended with some delay — Major Gen[l] Williams or in his absence B. Gen[l] Isham will be enabled in virtue of existing laws to call out the force under their command or any part of it in those calls in which you would be disposed I presume to make a requisition — and they are now particularly instructed by me to comply with your request whenever "the enemy appear in force Sufficient to induce the belief of an immediate attack" — This course you will perceive Sir is even more expeditious than the one you propose, and will be wholly free from objection —

No reply is yet received to my letter of the 7th instant relative to an additional force at New Haven —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & very hum. ser[t]
J. C. SMITH

Col. KINGSBURY
Inspector Gen[l] &c.

[Endorsed] To Col. J. Kingsbury 18. June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS*

SHARON 18. June 1814 —

Major Gen[l] W. Williams

Sir —

In case the enemy should appear off New London in force Sufficient to induce the belief of an immediate attack you are hereby particularly instructed to exercise the authority given you by law in calling out *at the request of Inspector General Kingsbury* Such part of the troops under your command as

he may deem necessary for the occasion, of which you will give me notice as the law requires —

I am Sir respectfully
your ob^{t} & hm. ser^{t}

A similar letter to Genl Isham —

[On the inside leaf of the preceding letter]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[5:95]

SHARON 18. June 1814

Dr Sir —

Col. Fowler commanding the battalion of volunteer artillery requests a Supply of powder — You will not forget him I presume whilst replenishing as proposed the several depots of ammunition on the coast —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely
your ob^{t} ser^{t}
J. C. S.

N. B. You will remember that the Genl Assembly have expressed their opinion that neither powder nor cartridges are to be kept in the arsenal at Hartford —

[Endorsed] To Q. M. General 18. June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[5:96]

SHARON 18. June 1814 —

Dr Sir

Your favour bearing the several dates of the 7th & 9th instant has come to hand — —

Before I left Hartford the Q. M. General was particularly directed to replenish the Several *depots* of ammunition along the Sea-coast Col. Fowler's battalion I presume will not escape notice —

You are hereby authorized to employ expresses in the execution of orders as emergencies may require and especially when in your opinion the mail would not be the proper vehicle — Accounts for Such services are to be audited & adjusted by the Q. M. General —

I am very desirous of retaining Capt. Bray & a part of his company at least in Service at Saybrook & Killingworth, for another period of Sixty days — and I have written him to this effect — When his answer is received I shall be better enabled than I now am to make arrangements for the next detachment to be stationed at those posts —

Col. Kingsbury has intimated a wish that to save time I would authorize the Adj^{t} Genl. to receive & requisitions for militia "in case the enemy should appear in such force off N. London as to induce the belief of an immediate attack" — Now there is no one to whom I would sooner confide this authority than to the Adjutant General — my doubts are whether I can delegate it at all — Nor is such a step necessary as the Generals officers residing in N. London are already enabled *by law* to call out their troops in the very case he contemplates — I have so informed Col. Kingsbury and have besides instructed those officers to comply in *Such a case* with his request & to predicate their call upon it giving me immediate notice of the transaction as the law requires —

I am My dear sir very
sincerely yours —
J. C. S —

Major Genl E. Huntington
Ad. Genl

[Endorsed] To Ad. Genl Huntington 18. June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[5:97]

Sharon 18. June 1814 —

Sir —

By a letter from Col. Ward commissary General I am informed that the troops stationed at Bridgeport are dissatisfied with the provisions delivered by the United States' contractor — You will be pleased, if you judge it expedient, to communicate to them my impressions upon the occasion —

No Subject since the commencement of the Service has given me more anxiety than the comfortable Subsistence of our militia — Supplies are to be furnished by the United

States — this is indispensable — If the articles supplied do not conform both in quantity and quality to the contract, let them be condemned in the mode there pointed out, and the Commissary General will in such case, make suitable provision until the evil shall be remedied — Well founded complaints must be heard patiently and redressed promptly — On the other hand no unreasonable objections are to be indulged. The officer commanding the detachment is clothed with Sufficient authority to prevent the Service from being interrupted, and the State dishonoured by any irregular or tumultuous behaviour, and I rely upon it he will not fail in the performance of his duty. I trust however there can be no need of this caution. The militia of Connecticut know well the high expectations entertained of their valour and good conduct. They are Sensible under what difficult circumstances the State is placed, and they will be careful not to increase these embarassments by the least act of disorder or insubordination — The troops now on duty will reflect that vegetables are furnished them, entirely at the expense of the State, an indulgence allowed to no other troops in this nation whether regulars or militia — that their wages will be paid them punctually at the close of their Service *from the State-treasury*, if the General Government are not then in funds for that purpose — and finally that no effort consistent with the public interest will be left untried to promote their comfort and accommodation, whilst employed in the honourable task of defending of their brethren on the Sea-coast — I rest therefore fully assured that with men who feel the weight of these considerations, the rigour of martial law will be wholly unnecessary —

You will be so kind Sir as to give Seasonable information by letter to Major Hez. Goddard of New London paymaster general when the term of service of the present guard will expire; that he may be prepared to discharge their wages — The next detachment will come from the 8th brigade, for which the necessary orders are already issued —

I am Sir respectfully your obedient and humble servant

J. C. Smith —

Brigd Gen1 Enoch Foote —

P. S.

Lest it should not have reached you I enclose the late act of Assembly for the government of the militia whilst in service — The 9th Section more particularly regards the detachment now on duty at Bridgeport — Large powers are confided to the commanding officer — and, as he has no officer with him to consult, he is made of course the sole judge, &c. &c

[Endorsed] To B. Gen[l] Foote de guards at Bridgeport

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[5:98]

SHARON 18. June 1814 —

Sir —

The detachment of infantry from Col. Brainerd's regiment will remain in Service until the term of the other troops now on duty at Saybrook & Killingworth Shall expire — I am not yet informed whether the whole number of artillerists ordered out for those posts have appeared & been mustered — You will please to acquaint me with this & other circumstances of importance which may have occurred during your command —

It becomes necessary to make arrangements for a detachment of Artillery to Succeed the present — Will you inform me Sir whether it will be consistent for you to remain in Service for another period of Sixty days and whether any & what number of your men would like to volunteer for the same period? —

I am very desirous of retaining you in command on that station, with a portion at least of your company if possible — Write me speedily upon this Subject, & believe me Sir with much regard

your ob[t] Sr[t] —

Capt. BRAY —

[Endorsed] To Capt. A. Bray — 18. June 1814

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:99]

New London June 20th 1814

His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr.

sir

I am happy to be able to inform your Excellency that Colⁿ Kingsbury has recvᵈ orders from the Department of War to detain the United States troops here which had been ordered away by Gen¹ Izard & of which in my last I apprized you

In haste I am your Excellencys
Obedient & Humble
Servᵗ H Goddard

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquir
Sharon N. London, C June 23 10

[Endorsed] Major H. Goddard 20. June 1814 recᵈ 23ᵈ

GENERAL ORDERS

[5:100]

State of Connecticut
General orders June 20. 1814 —

The Captain General is informed that doubts are entertained whether the general officers of the militia are authorized by any existing regulation to discharge commissioned officers and Sergeants; he therefore thinks it proper to declare that the General orders issued on the 12th May 1804 by His Excellency the late Governour Trumbull delegating this authority to the General officers, have not been revoked and are of course to be considered as in full force — Although the Captain General has the utmost reliance that the power thus Confided will be exercised with Sound discretion, yet applications to be dismissed from military service have multiplied to such a degree as to make it his duty to remind the General officers that discharges should be limited as far as is practicable to the following cases —

1. Where an officer has been Superceded
2. Where an officer has become permanently unable to execute his duty from bodily infirmity —
3. Where an officer has removed out of the State or to so

great a distance from his regiment as to render it extremely difficult to appear with his company —

It will also be recollected that Sergeants are not to be discharged in consequence of being superceded —

By order of the Capt. Gen[l]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[5:100]

D[r] Sir —

The foregoing order, which you will be pleased to subscribe & distribute, sufficiently explains itself — It seems to have become necessary to remove the impression from the minds of many that the acts of a commander in chief cease to have any operation after his demise or removal from office — otherwise it will ere long be Supposed that *appointments* made by him are in the same predicament —

You will perceive I have taken this opportunity to bring again into view the substance of an order issued by Gov[r] Griswold in Oct. 1811 —

I am D[r] Sir sincerely yours —

Ad. Gen[l] HUNTINGTON —

[Endorsed] Gen[l] Orders 20. June 1814 de discharge of com[d] officers & sergeants —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BRAINERD

[5:101]

SHARON 21. June 1814 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 16th instant is just received. When the detachment you ordered into service from your regiment was directed by me to remain until further orders, I was uncertain whether the men would be required for the defence of Saybrook & its vicinity — But the Inspector General of the U. S. at New London assures me that number is absolutely necessary — I have accordingly informed Capt. Bray that they must continue until the term of service of the other troops under his command shall expire — And the whole be relieved at one time — I regret extremely that so large a proportion of the

men have been taken from one neighbourhood — a fact I did not know until the receipt of your letter & which has doubtless resulted from the sudden manner in which they were called out — It causes much trouble & expense to relieve the detachments too frequently — I really hope these good citizens will be content to Serve out the term — They must be considered when future calls are made as having performed a very honourable tour of duty — and there is really no calculating how long this unfortunate state of things is to last —

I am Sir with much regard
Your ob^{t} & hm. Ser^{t} —
J. C. S —

Col. J^{no} Brainerd
[Endorsed] To Col. J. Brainerd 2^{d}

No. 102 is printed copy of act passed June 18, 1814 by State of New Hampshire House of Representatives respecting amendment to Constitution of the United States.

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:103]

Head Quarters 2^{d} Mil: Dis^{t}:
New London: 21 June 1814

Sir,

On the 15: inst.: I wrote, informing your Excellency that I had well founded expectations, of the marching of the 37: Inf.

I have now to inform your Excellency, that by an order from the War Department, that Regiment will continue at this post untill further orders —

This will supercede the necessity of any arrangements, for defence of our port, at present —

I have the honor to assure
Your Excellency of my high respect
Jacob Kingsbury
Inspec^{r} Gen: Com,dg,

His Excel^{cy} J. C. Smith Esqr
Gov: Connecticut

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Governor of Connecticut Sharon (Conn) N. London, C June 22 Inspec^{r} Gen^{s} office 2^{d} Mil: Dist: Jacob Kingsbury Inspec^{r}: General. free
[Endorsed] Col. J. Kingsbury 21. June 1814 de Reg^{t} troops —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[5:104]

(Confidential) —

SHARON 21. June 1814

Sir —

Your letter of the 14th instant is just received — accompanied by one from Col. Kingsbury — My answer is despatched by express — The Colonel's letter is much less explicit than yours — but enough is communicated to convince one that a mad project indeed is on foot — Should the Sec^{y} of War finally order away the regular troops you will be pleased to hasten the return of the express that I may convene the Council without delay — If the despatches are not received from Washington you will detain the bearer a reasonable time for their arrival that I may know the result — I shall direct this letter to be opened in your absence by Genl Isham who if unacquainted with the subject will doubtless inform himself & comply with the request abovementioned —

I am Sir your very
ob^{t} sr^{t}

Major HEZ. GODDARD —
[Endorsed] To Major Goddard 21. June 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JACOB KINGSBURY

[5:105]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 21. June 1814

Sir

Your letter of the 15th instant is this moment received, and is found to contain an intimation of so extraordinary a nature that I feel it my duty to send you my answer by express —

You observe that you have some expectation the 37th regiment of infantry now at New London will soon be ordered to the frontier, and that in an event of this kind further arrangements must be made with me for the protection of that place.

I know not, Sir, on what grounds you may have formed this expectation. My correspondence with the Secretary of War, as well as with yourself, had led me to a very different conclusion.

When the militia of this state shall be required by the general government to man the forts of the United States, in order that the regular troops there stationed may be employed in some other Service, it will be time to make the proper reply to such a requisition. At present you will allow me to remark that in discharging the important trust confided to me, I shall endeavour to conform to what I deem the clear sense of the national constitution and the interests of the State over which I have the honour to preside —

I am Sir with respectful consideration
your obedient & very humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

Col. J. KINGSBURY —
Inspector General —
[Endorsed] To Col. J. Kingsbury 21. June 1814 —

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:106]

NEW LONDON
22 June 1814 —

Sir,

An Express has this moment delivered me your Excellency's letter, of yesterdays date.

You will probably have received my letter of the same date before this comes to hand. I however think it proper to be more explicit, in my information of the grounds on which I formed the opinion that the 37:Inf would soon move from this place to the frontiers.

On the 8th inst: I received information that an order had arrived in town, from Maj: Gen: Izard, directing, Lt Col. Benjamin, to send all the men, that could be spared from the recruiting service of his Regiment to Plattsburg. I immediately wrote to the Secretary of War giving him to understand that to comply with the order in its full extent would necessarily leave our harbour & the public property here totally defenceless. Under this impression I had taken upon myself the responsibility of detaining the troops untill his pleasure could be known.

On the 20 inst. I received a letter from the Adjutant General, informing me that the 37: Reg^{t}: was attached to the 1st Division under command of Gen: Izard but would continue at New London untill farther orders —

It was under the impression that some protection would be necessary for this place, that I wrote Your Excellency on the 15: although I deemed it probable that the order from General Izard was issued under the idea that the 37: Inf was merely employed on the recruiting service, & therefore could be moved without concert with the War Department.

Accept assurances of the high
respect & consideration
with which I am
Your Excellency's
most obedient
humble serva[nt]

JACOB KINGSBURY
Inspec^{r} General.

His Excel^{cy} JOHN C. SMITH Esqr
Governor of Connecticut
Sharon

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Governor of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. J. Kingsbury — 22. June 1814 by return of express —

JACOB KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:107]

(Copy)
2nd U. S. Mil District
New London 23 June 1814 —

Sir

Capt Sturges has this day handed me your Excellency's letter of the 15th instt —

I had supposed that the detachment at Bridgeport would be able to protect Fairfield. If however it is deemed on trial, to be insufficient, I have no hesitation on making assurances of my concurrence in the adoption of additional means for the defence of the latter place.

Capt Northrop has therefore my directions, to afford every facility in his power in the delivery of provisions to the officer, & also to muster them at the expiration of their term of service.

Capt Sturges, or any militia officer at that place, can muster them at the commencement of Service, & is for that purpose provided with Muster Rolls.

I have the honor to be with
high respect & consideration
Your Excellency's
Most obedient & very
Humble Servant
JACOB KINGSBURY
Inspector General

His Excellency
JOHN C SMITH
Governor of Connecticut
Sharon —

[Endorsed] From Col. Kingsbury 23. June 1814 — guard at Mill river — Copy

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[5:108]

SHARON 23. June 1814

Dr Sir —

Your favour of the 20th instant is received — and I am

much indebted to you for the seasonable and satisfactory information it contains — — I desire you to offer my particular acknowledgements to Col. Kingsbury for his faithful attention to the interests of this state as well as of the nation — His timely interposition alone has doubtless prevented a measure which would inevitably have been followed by the most serious consequences —

I am D^r^ sir with much
regard your obedient servant —

Major GODDARD —
[Endorsed] To Major Goddard —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[5:109]

SHARON 28. June 1814 —

Dear Sir

When you have completed your arrangements under my order of the 7th instant, you will doubtless favour me with your report —

— Any additional information you may be able to communicate relative to the Service will be very acceptable to Dr Sir your obedient
& humble servant

B. Genl HOWE —
2. Brigade
New Haven
[Endorsed] To Brig Genl Howe 28. June 1814 —

JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:110]

MILL RIVER in FAIRFIELD June 29 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr*
sir

in Compliance with your Excellencys Directions to Wright you on the Commencement of the Service of the Guard in this place, I beg leave to inform you that Agreable to your Excellencys Order to me Directed, I have Detach^d^ one serjent Two Corporals and Twelve privats, from the Volunteer Comp^y^

Under my Command, Which ware Mustered on the 27th Inst by Captn Joseph Sturges of the first Compy in the 4th Regt of Connt Militia, and Went on Duty the Same day in and Near this place, Rations I have Drawn for them from the Contractor at New Haven agreable to Colln Jacob Kingsbury order, Wood Potatoes and Straw Also I am Directed to furnish, by Mr James Ward Comisy Genll all of Which Favours please to Accept of the best Wishes of the Inhabitants of this place, for your Health and prosperity togeather with that of

Sir Your Excellencys
Most Obedt Humbe Servt &C
JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Fairfield 30 June

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer. Sturges Mill river — report of the guard — 29th June 1814 —

ELIZUR GOODRICH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:111]

NEW HAVEN June 30th 1814

sir

This Letter will be presented to your Excellency by Mr Ithiel Towne, a reputable Citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who has contracted to erect a House for public Worship, for Trinity Church. He will explain to your Excellency, and exhibit Documents, explaining, the purpose of his Journey: should the interest of the public admit a Gratification of his Wishes, it will be gratefully received by many of the good people of this Town and confer an obligation on Mr Towne

I am sir very respectfully
your Excellency hum-
ble servant
ELIZUR GOODRICH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Hon. E. Goodrich de Flag-truce &c

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[5:112]

SHARON 2. July 1814 —

Dear Sir —

Capt. Bray consents to serve for another period of Sixty days and there is every prospect that a portion of his men will volunteer for the same term. He is desirous that a much greater proportion of infantry should be detached than are now in service at that post — This arrangement accords very well with the state of our artillery in the interiour. Proceeding with our detachments from brigades, beginning with that on the coast, it now belongs to the 7th brigade commanded by Gen[l] Lusk, to furnish the guard for Saybrook and Killingworth — The whole number required will be *ninety one* — composed, as follows

Capt. Bray & say 10 of his company —		11
detachment from 7th brigade —		
artillery - 1 Lieut. 1 Serg[t] 1 corporal. 2 musicians)		25
and 20 privates. . . . .)		
	artillery -	36

Infantry —			
1 Lieut. 1 Ensign	2		
Sergeants	3		
Corporals	3	--	55
Musicians	2		
Privates	45	Total -	91 -

of which eighty will come from 7th brigade —

The infantry will of course be detached from the brigade at large — but as there is only one company of artillery in that brigade — we shall be obliged to draw on that alone — This I regret — It was however done thro' the whole of the last season & seems unavoidable now — No artillery I think has as yet been taken from the 7th brigade —

The term of the present guard was for sixty days from the 20th May — You will make the computation — but as I calculate it will be necessary for the new detachment to be on the station by the 18th instant — They will serve for Sixty days — and be commanded by Capt. Amaziah Bray whom you may style in your order *An officer of this State now in service at those posts* — He will see that the men are duly mustered at the commencement and close of service according to the late act of congress — The ordnance now at those posts will be retained in service — consequently the Artillerists from the 7th brigade will not bring their pieces with them — You will make the usual exemption from the draft of those who in person or by substitute performed a tour of duty the last year — Be pleased to issue an order speedily to the foregoing effect adding such further details as I may have omitted & which in your opinion are necessary to render the order complete — I have just received Capt. Bray's answer or I would have given you more seasonable notice — Probably you will find it necessary to send an express with the order especially as Genl Lusk I believe does not live on a post road —

There may be some slight objection on the part of the militia to serving under an officer of the Military corps — but this prejudice must be encountered & removed — That corps served under a militia officer the last year — and it is quite fair to receive the medal — especially as the good of the service now imperiously demands it —

I regret that several orders have issued from me for detachments without your intervention, but circumstances rendered it unavoidable * — Be pleased to advise me of the rect of this letter by the first mail —

In haste I am Dr Sir very
sincerely yours —

Major Genl J. C. Smith —
E. Huntington —

* An account of these should be preserved in your office — When I get a moment's lieusure it shall be transmitted —

[Endorsed] Order for guard at Saybrook & Killingworth for 60 days from 18th July 1814 — from 7th Brigade —

HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:113]

New Haven 6 July 1814

sir

Your order of the 7th ultº relative to a guard for this place, was received on the 10th ultº — the volunteers for the Row guard were obtained immediately & entered upon the service under the command of Lieut Laban Smith without any delay, — some days however elapsed before the detachment from the second Brigade was organized, — two of the number ordered have failed to appear. — The whole have been duly mustered agreeably to orders, by Capt Northrup of the United States Infantry, who had direction to that effect from Colº Kingsbury.

I can add but little to the information communicated to your Excellency by Colº Staples, in his letter of the 28th ultº — — while on this subject however, I take the liberty of mentioning the state of the Pier at the end of the Long Wharf, where it was calculated that the twelve pounders recently mounted would be placed, it is still unprovided with a platform, without which the pieces cannot be managed to much purpose, — no one feels disposed to incur the expense of such an erection, without the certainty of being repaid by the State, — in addition to the platform a temporary Breastwork is needed, one composed of bundles of Hay would answer the purpose, — should your Excellency think proper to Authorize the erection of such works, the business shall be promptly attended to

The order of April 19th relative to signals along the Coast, was carried into effect, by the establishment of a line of Beacons on the principal eminences between Saybrook & the Housatonick, at suitable distances so as to be visible from one point to another. — due notice of this Arrangement was given to the Commandants of the respective Regiments, with orders to establish suitable alarm posts within the limits of their commands.

Respectfully I am sir
Your most obedt servt
Hezekiah Howe

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq
Sharon
[Endorsed] Gen[l] H. Howe — 6. July 1814 rec[d] & answ[d] 12th

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:114]

NORWICH 7th July 1814

dear sir

Last even[g] I rec[d] your Excellencys favour of the 2[d] of this month, & I shall this day send the necessary orders to General Lusk, a copy of which I shall forward to Cap[t] Bray

I avail myself of my express to General Lusk to lodge this letter (to your excellency) in the Hartford Post Office.

I have requested General Lusk to furnish me with a list of the delinquents if there should be any, & see that the law is executed by causing a report to be made to the States Attorney — — — I wrote your excellency last May to know if any time for the returns to be made this fall, or any other communications would be necessary to accompany my blank returns in the distribution to the brigades — — having rec[d] no particular reply I have distributed them & directed the returns to be made by the 10 of October, that being the usual time —

Last Even[g] I rec[d] a line from the Lieu[t] at Stonington point dated the 2[d] which informs me that the detachment was four short of the number directed — I shall notify General Salter of the fact — Will it not be desireable (when practicable) to give twenty or more days notice for detachments, as it will tend to diminish the injury to the individuals detached

Yesterday Col[o] Mix was here on his way to New London & the coast westward — he suggested the idea of a heavy piece of ordnance — — — but knowing the *impracticability* of managing it, with any *probability of usefulness* I thought it not best — I told him I thought our supply of arms & ammunition was sufficient — — — he has furnished the company of artillery here with another brass six pounder, as I wished — — — I have

rec^{d} no intimation from Mistick of any exertion making to form a company of exempts in that vicinity, nor is there any making in this town —

Will your excellency be pleased to inform me, in what manner I may call on the Dep^{y} A Genl in dis[tr]ibution of orders or other duties — The law being silent, & having heretofore done my duty directly with the Brigadier, I am at a loss (from the law) to determine how far it is wished to have the duty of my office done with Major Generals — —

Will not the public be gratified in having your Excellency visit the coast this summer — & if so may I not be gratified in seeing you at my house —

I am respectfully & sincerely yours
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governor SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon July 12 10

[Endorsed] Adj^{t} Genl Huntington 7. July — 1814 — de detachment from 7. Brig^{d} — —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[5:115]

NORWICH 7th July 1814

Capt Amaziah Bray

Sir — — By a Line from his Excellency the Capt Genl rec^{d} last evening I have rec^{d} orders to detach 91 Men including officers for the Posts of Killingworth & Say Brook — — Viz — Yourself & ten men of your company which I suppose has been notified to you by Gov Smith the remainder from the 7th Brigade The enclosed copy of an Order to Gen. Lusk is for your information — — — — I am with Esteem, Your humble Sv^{t}

EBEN^{r} HUNTINGTON Adj^{t} Gen.

Detail will stand as follows
Viz — —
Capt Bray — 1

of his Com^{ny} 10
From 7 Brigade
Matrosses — 25
Infantry 55
—

91

Brig^{d} Gen Levi Lusk — Norwich 7th July 1814

Sir — — — In obedience to an Order rec^{d} last evening from his Excel^{cy} Gov Smith a Detachment of 80 able bodied men including Officers must be made from the 7th Brigade under your command completely armd & equipped in every respect according to Law who are to rendezvous at Say Brook the 18th of this Month — — You will therefore please detach forthwith One Lieut. One Serg^{t} One Corp^{l} one Drummer One fifer & twenty Men from the Matross companies — One Lieut. One Ensign three Sergeants three Corporals One Drummer One fifer & forty five privates from the Infantry Regiments; exempting from s^{d} detachment all such as perform'd a tour of duty the last year The Detachment is made for 60 days from the 18th of this Month — No Substitute can be received (for a detached man) *unless he is in uniform & armed & equipped according to Law in every respect* — — You will appoint some place in your Brigade for a Rendezvous, at which place your Brigade Major will attend — inspect the men, take a list of their names & furnish each Lieut. with a list of the names composing their respective commands & and each of them with a Copy of this order — — — The Lieutenants on their arrival at Say Brook will report themselves to Capt Amaziah Bray an officer of this State who is now in command at Killingworth & Say Brook, who will continue in command & give the necessary Orders to the New Detachment — — — — — Should any of the men detached fail to attend at the Rendezvous complete according to Law — you will please give me notice & you will report the same to the State's Attorney of your County according to Law or see that the same is done — The men detached from the Matross Companies will be fur-

nished with a piece of Artillery for Say Brook by Capt Bray —
— — — — — — —

By order his Excel^{cy} the Capt. Gen. — — —
EBEN HUNTINGTON Adj^{t} Genl —
[Endorsed] Guard at Saybrook &c Orders July 1814 — Copy —

CHARLES PAGET TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:116]

His Majestys Ship Superb
off NEW LONDON July 8th 1814.

Sir

In compliance to your request in favor of the Wardens and Vestry Men of Trinity Church in New Haven. The Ships under my Orders will be directed not to molest any Vessels that on Examination prove to be literaly engaged in Conveying from the Connecticut, the Materials in question to New Haven for the purpose of Erecting the Church.

I am
Sir
Your very Obed^{t} hble Servt
CHARLES PAGET Senior Officer
of A Squadron of His Britannic
Majestys Ships off New London
&c — &c — &c

To
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Chief Magistrate of the
State of
Connecticut,

[Endorsed] From Com. Paget — British Squadron — 8. July 1814 — forwarded by flag truce to N. London 19th July — rec^{d} 27th

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:117]

His Excel^{cy} John C Smith SAY BROOK
July 9th 1814

Sir

About daylight this morning a Schooner owned by Capt

Stannard of Say Brook was taken in Westbrook harbour by two Brittish Barges & ordered for the Squadron — — Information was immediately forwarded to Fort Fenwick by Capt Stannard; who with a Detachment from the Fort & a few Volunteers amounting to 20 — under the direction of Lieut Church was immediately armed & dispatched in 3 Boats for the purpose of retaking the Schooner, in which they succeeded She had got half across the sound when our Boats came up & boarded her — She has safely arrived in the River — — With the Schooner we have 3 prisoners of War — Viz — One Midshipman & two mariners — 3 muskets 1 sword & 1 cartouch Box — I have sent the Prisoners to New London, to the care of Col Kingsbury — being in some doubt what course to pursue with them — — — —

At sunrise this morning 2 Barges were discovered at the mouth of Killingworth harbour They succeeded in boarding a small Schooner which lay over the Bar — — — The guard commenced a fire on the Schooner from the Artillery — — The Enemy were driven from the Vessel but not untill they had set fire to her — — — The fire was extinguished by the unusual exertions of the Inhabitants — — — — Considerable damage has been done to the Vessel & cargo — — She was loaded with Molasses chiefly — bound from New London to New York — — — — — The Schooner lay so far out that our Guns would not reach her without considerable elevation which prevented their doing much execution — — When the Enemy left the Schooner they took with them a passenger & two hands — ——

A sloop from Stonningtown with an iron 6 pounder destined for Say Brook — (from the best information I can obtain) was captured last night by the Enemy on her passage from Stonington to Say Brook — — It seems the Piece was sent by water in a small sloop from Stonington — — —
I very much regret this accident — as I understand the Piece was a good one and was much needed here — I have written to the Qr-Master Gen, giving him this information by Mail — — — Your Excellency will perceive that we have had much of a fighting day — — — — —

Your Excellency's communication was not rec^{d} untill the 6th Inst. — — Such parts of it as was proper I have communicated to my company — — — It is with extreeme regret that t[he] Company feel themselves so situated, that they co[uld] without a sacrifice greater than they can bear com[ply] with that which appears to be your Excellencys' wish — — — They are much gratified in finding they have the confidence & applause of your Excellency — But being mostly *farmers* & their crops on which many of them must depend for subsistance for the remainder of the year being in a suffering condition & having served 60 days during this most important & busy season, they feel *unable* to continue any longer at this time — — — They have unanimously requested me to express to your Excellency their thanks for your approbation of their conduct on this & other occasions — And at the same time request your Excellency to *excuse them* from remaining in service any longer than the present time — at Present — — As it respects myself I have nothing further to add to what was remarked in my last — — — — Col Kingsbury to whom I feel gratefully indebted for many favors has earnestly requested me to remain in service — — I have also the assurance of support from most of our *Militia Officers* — — — The season of *danger* seems to be approaching — I really feel a responsibi[li]ty on myself too great to render my situation a *desirable* one — — Yet I shall cheerfully submit to the wishes of your Excellency & will endeavor to make a proper use of the means I am entrusted with — — — — — — —

Your Excellency will pardon the informality of this communication — Every thing to day has been in a bustle — — I have but a moment to prepare this narration — — I regret that I have not a more leisure opportunity to do it — — — —

Should I remain in service it would be a great convenience in having the *Clerk of my Company* remain also — — — His experience in keeping the accounts of the Detachment & making the *necessary requisitions* &c will relieve me from much

attention of that kind, which a stranger to service could not do & afford me an opportunity of attending to the Troops — —

I have the honor to be — —
Your Excellency's Obt Svt —
A Bray Com^g^
at Say Brook & Killingworth

P. S.

Sir — — — Since writing the above I have rec^d^ a Letter from Gen Huntington a Copy of which I enclose to your Excellency — As some alterations may be necessary relating to the small number expected to volunteer &c — — — —

I had prepair^d^ this to send by an *Express*, but on a second reflection — I could see nothing in the Information which required so speedy convayance as to justify that expense of so long a Journey — — finding that It would reach you nearly as soon by mail — I shall Enclose It I was most at a stand to know what to do with my Prisoners of War —

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Governor of Connecticut Sharon Con Killingworth July 12th 10

[Endorsed] Capt. A. Bray — 9th mailed 12th July rec^d^ 17th answ^d^ D^o^ Skirmish — loss of 6 lb. — term of service &c.

JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:118]

Mill River in Fairfield July 9, 1814

*His Excell^y^ John Cotton Smith Esqr*

Sir

I beg your Excell^y^ will indulge me in Requesting a Solution of Some Doubts Which has Arize in my mind Respecting the Guard Which Was Detach^d^ from my Comp^y^ and Station^d^ in this place —

Your Excell^y^ told me when at your House to Dismiss the Whole of the Guard Whenever I thought their Services ware no longer Necessary, Whether I Rec^d^ my Special Order to that Effect or not, and give you imediate Notice —

but Should the Serj^{t} Comd^{t} or Either of the Corp^{lls} Neglect their Duty, Whether I Shall Dismiss such officer from the Service and put Another in his place, or if Either of the privates Should Neglect or refuse Doing their Duty or Disobey Orders, Whether they Shall be Discharg^{d} and Another put in their place, or After this Detachment has been in service a Certain time, (and a Guard Still Necessary) Whether I Shall Discharge them and Detach others to take their places, or Whether I shall interfere to doe any thing in the Business I doe not know; Tharefore I pray Your Excellency will give Some particular Directions, (in such Cases) how to proceed

I am sir Respectfully
Your Excell^{y} Most Obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servt &c
JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Conn^{t} Fairfield 11 July 10

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer^{h} Sturges — 9th mailed 12th July recd. 22nd & answ^{d} D^{o} —

JAMES WARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:119]

HARTFORD 11 July 1814

S^{r}

The following is the coppy of a letter from Wm Simmons Esqr accountant of the War Department

Your obedient
humble servant
JAMES WARD

To His Excel^{y}
Govr SMITH

Department of War
Accountants office
June 29th 1814

Sir

Your Accounts for disbursements and supplies furnished the militia called out in July last for the defence of New Lon-

don & vicinity, have been examined and on adjustment a balance appears to be due to you from the United States, of

$\$4102\frac{30}{100}$ as follows

on a/c for Subsistence	$1515.07
for Medical & Hospital Depart^{t}	399.64
for Quarter Masters Depart^{t}	2186.99
	4102.30

differing from your statement $1\frac{57}{100}$ accounted for by the enclosed account of differences. — Your claim for your own services & expences, together with that of Mr Goddard for his services as Assistant Commissary cannot be allowed without the sanction of the Secretary of War, to whom they have been refered, but upon which he has not yet acted —. The charge for interest is inadmissible of course

The above Balance would be reported in the usual form, were it not, that the Secretary of War has declined paying balances on my reports, untill the accounts shall first have been revised at the Treasury, and the Accounting officers of that department decline making any alteration from a system established near 20 years since, on the first organization of this office: consequently your Accounts will be filed in this office, having done every thing which my duty required.

Respectfully

your most Obd^{t} Servant

Wm Simmons

Col^{o} James Ward
Hartford
Connecticut

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr Smith Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. Ward Com. Genl containing letter and Statement from Acct^{t} War department —

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES IN ACCOUNT WITH WAR DEPARTMENT

[5:120]

Differences in the Accounts of James Ward Commissary General of the State of Connecticut for supplies furnished the Militia called out for the defence of New London in July 1813

Amount charged by him in 1st a/c		16,877.43
in 2d a/c		505.09½
For 308 Rations furnished by Giles R. Hallam to a detachment at Stonington per a/c		61.60
		$17,444.12½
Credited by his a/c for over charged for Rations ½ Cent each ration		340.25½
		17,103.87
From which deduct the Amount Advanced him pr his receipt		13,000 ——
due him pr his statement		4,103.87
By the official statement Balances due James Ward as follows		
on his a/c for Subsistence.....$1,515.67		
for Med: & Hosp.Departt..... 399.64		
for QrM. Departt..... 2186.99		
		4102.30
Difference		1.57
Arising as follows		
over charged in abstract signed 1st Nov 1813		
charged $857.81 should be $856.74		
Diffe	$1.07	
over charged in John Mannings bill extended $131.96 Should be 131.46.	0.50	
		1.57

DEPOSITIONS CONCERNING ELIAS SELDEN

[5:121]

The Deposition of Shubael R. Brainerd of Haddam relative to the enlistment of Elias Selden, into the state Cor'e, is as follows, That in the winter of 1812, according to my recollection, a Mr Shepherd, who taught our district school that winter, was at my house with orders to enlist men for the State Cor'e, Elias Selden was also there, and was invited and very strongly urged to enter his name on the enlisting roll, the s^{d} Elias Selden objected, saying that he had never seen the law for raising the state troops, that he chose to become acquinted with the law before he came to a determination about entering his name, that being told by the s^{d} Mr Shepherd that he wished him to enter his name, as it might prove an inducement to others to put down their names and that if after further examination of the subject and more reflection upon it he chose to have his name erased from the roll it should be done, he the said Elias entered his name, clearly, on the conditions here stated, This above deposition was taken and sworn to before me
HADDAM July 11th 1814 —

JONATHAN HUNTINGTON, Justice Peace

The Deposition of Leonard Selden relative to the enlistment of his brother Elias Selden into the state Corps is as follows; That he understood that his brother Elias Selden had enlisted into the state Corps in the winter of 1812-13 through the inf[l]uence of a Mr David Shepherd who kept a school in our district that season, who had enlisting orders; he states that some time after the enlistment of his brother he was in company with his s^{d} brother and the s^{d} Mr Shepherd and heard his brother tell Mr Shepherd he wished him to erase his name from the roll, that he had examined the law and prefered continuing in the Militia company, and further he understood from the conversation that took place at the time, that his brother enlisted on condition, that if after reflection and further attention to the subject he chose to have his name erased it was to be done, Mr Shepherd said also that he would erase his brother's name — further saith not

The above deposition was taken and sworn to
Middlesex County
ss. HADDAM July 18. 1814 — before me
JONATHAN HUNTINGTON Justice Peace

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH, Govr &C of state of Connecticut Sharon — Missent & forwar'd 10

[Endorsed] Depositions —

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:122]

SAY BROOK

July 15th 1814

Sir

Since I wrote to you on satuday Last, I receiv^{d} an Iron Piece from Mr Goddard of New London, to supply the Place of the one Taken on Passage from Stoningtown to this Place — — I mention this ammunition lest the subject might give Your Excellency some unnecessary anxiety — The carriage, for the Piece will be ready to receive It this Evening — when It will be Placed on *Fort Fenwick, — I trust out of the reach of the enemy* —

The accommodation for the Troops at this Place have been bad — I have been for a Day or Two engaged In making arrangements for the new guard — & hope to furnish them with comfortable Barracks — — those at Killingworth are good —

The *Prisoners* mentioned In my last arriv^{d} safe at New London — Genl Cushing gives us the Credit (If It can so be call'd) of Sending In the first Prisoners Since he Took [c]ommand of this Station —
It is Possable In the course of the Season more may be left In our hands I should be glad to be inform^{d} by your Excellency

what course you Should wish us to persue with them — In Such cases —

I have the Honour
to be your Excellencys
Obt. Servt
A Bray
Comm^{dg} at
Say Brook & Killingworth

His Excellency J. C Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Governor of the St. of Connecticut Sharon Say Brook July 15 Paid 10

[Endorsed] Capt. A. Bray — 15. July 1814 — rec^{d} — 20th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[5:123]

Sharon 16. July 1814 —

Dr Sir —

I regret to perceive by a letter from Genl Howe that he has given a construction to the Genl order of the 19th april last so far as regards signals & alarm posts, which it was never intended to bear — Nothing more was intended than for the Genl officers on the coast to appoint alarm posts in the vicinity of the most exposed places at which to convene a force when necessary by the usual *military signals* — to wit — the beat of drum or firing of guns cannon or of small arms which ever might be most convenient & *suitable* — No precise directions from the nature of the case could have been given — confidence was placed in the discretion of those officers — In the exercise of this discretion it appears that a *line of beacons* are erected between Connecticut river & the Ousatonac — Not a word was said respecting beacons in the order — and it is difficult to conceive what valuable purpose is to be answered by such a measure farther than perhaps to impress the enemy with an idea that we are prepared — But the danger is that unnecessary alarms will be produced — whereas great care should be taken not to occasion *false* alarms — and not to harrass the militia by arraying a greater force than the exigency requires. — I hope Sir, you have not adopted the same con-

struction — If not you will now understand that it is not expected — If you have nevertheless followed the example of Gen[l] Howe in this respect we must endeavour to make the best of it — — No extraordinary expense was contemplated farther then what the mere firing of cannon or small arms might occasion —

I shall be gratified to hear from you upon this Subject, and am Sir with sincere regard your

Ob[t] & hm — ser[t]

B. Gen[l] Foote —

P. S. I must desire you to give notice to the Q.M. General for the present detachment, as for the former And the sooner it is done the better —

[Endorsed] To B. Gen[l] Foote — de signals — 16. July 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[5:124]

Sharon 17th July 1814 —

D[r] Sir —

Your letter under date of the 9th post-marked 12th inst has just reached me *by the way of New York* — I highly commend the vigilance and activity displayed in the transactions to which you refer — The delivery of the prisoners to the Marshal was a proper disposition of them — In future cases of the kind it will be well to take the directions of the Commanding officer at New London —

— Altho' I regret that it is not convenient for any of your men to Serve another term with you Still it is my expectation that you continue in Command agreeably to the arrangements already made — The number of men detached for the ensuing tour of duty from the 7th brigade is larger than was originally proposed by Col. Kingsbury — It must be increased if necessary — I expect to meet the Adjutant General at Litchfield on tuesday the 26th instant — Through him you can communicate whatever you may deem important to the service — I enclose an order to Capt. Jewett to hold his men in readiness to cooperate with you in the event of an attack —

You may retain your clerk until further orders; let him be mustered with the detachment — A duty which I hope will be punctually & correctly performed —

I had heard of the loss of the 6 pounder and have ordered another to be forwarded without delay — It was unwise to hazard the transportation of ordnance thro' the British fleet —

I am Sir with sincere regard
your ob^{t} & hm. ser^{t}

Capt. A. Bray —

P. S. I have not yet been informed what number of the late detachment failed to attend — This letter is forwarded by the News carrier to be put in the post office Hartford The most direct conveyance which at this moment occurs —

I had no doubt Capt. Jewett would voluntarily cooperate in case of an attack — but it seemed to me desireable that he should be so authorized as to secure a compensation —

You will please put the order under cover & forward to Capt. Jewett — Let the P.M. General know when your men enter upon duty —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Bray enclosing an order to Capt. Jewett—

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT*

George W. Jewett Esqr Captain of the first company of Artillery in the "Military Corps" —

Sir —

You are hereby directed to hold your company in readiness to cooperate with the troops stationed at Saybrook and vicinity, *in the event of an Attack* from the enemy in such force as shall in the opinion of the commanding officer there render your assistance necessary —

Given under my hand the 17th day
of July AD 1814 —
J. C. S. Capt. Genl

[Endorsed] Order to Capt. Jewett 17. July 1814 —

*Attached to the preceeding letter.

ELIAS SELDEN, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:125]

MIDDLETOWN July 19th 1814

Sir

Having perused your letter of the 21st of June in which His Excellency requested a statement of my inlisting which I will forward with the deposition of two that were present I have delayed writing on the account of the hurrying season of the year but I hope this will answer as well as sooner
David Shepherd requested me to inlist which I refused to do as I did not know the law and expecting to purchase it in a few days but he still urging me to inlist and at the same time promising upon his word and honor that he would Erase my name from the orders without making me any trouble if I requested him to do it after examining the law I purchased the law in two or three days after this and having perused it I requested him to erase my name from the orders and seeing him in a day or two after this I enquired whether he had Erased my name or not when he said he had and that all was well enough he always said that my name was not on the orders that winter and spring and I supposed it to be so till the next June the length of time given me for examining the law I think was about twelve days

Yours &c
Your humble servant
ELIAS SELDEN JUNr

J. C. SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Govr of the State of Connecticut Sharon Missent & forowed 10

[Endorsed] Elias Selden Junr's Case —

CHARLES WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:126]

MIDDLETOWN July 20th 1814

Sir,

A short time previous to the sitting of the General Assembly, I forwarded to your Excellency a recommendation in favor of Mr Walter D. Booth, as Ensign of the 6th Co. 2d Reg:

of State Troops. I wrote to Col° Sanford, who observed in his answer, that he had no objection to the appointment, though he had contemplated recommending Some one at New Haven, for the Office of Lieutenant, & to appoint that Person Adjutant, if his nomination was confirmed: but was willing to give up his wishes on that point, for the good of the 6th Co.

I left Hartford for Rhode-Island, during the Session, rather unexpectedly, intending to call on your Excellency, when I returned, & State the preceeding facts. On my arrival at Hartford, I had the unhappiness of hearing, that my mother had been much injured by a fall, & was in great danger (tho' She has now nearly recovered) which made it necessary for me to return immediately home. I called on your Excellency, the evening of my arrival; but my mind was so occupied with home, that I forgot to say any thing, on the appointments to be made in the 2d Regiment, I have heard, within a few days, that the vacancy in the 6th Co. was not filled — that a nomination was made of a Lieut. & negatived — & that the Officers were not promoted. Mr Goodrich informed Capt Butler, that Mr Booth was not nominated.

I beg leave to remark, that I have, in no case, a desire, that any nomination made by me, Should be ratified, unless it Should appear to be proper, & for the best interest of the Corps. I observed, in the recommendation, which was forwarded, that I was unacquainted with Mr Booth; but that gentlemen of my acquaintance, gave him a very good character for probity, correctness & zeal; & that his influence would probably do much, towards filling up the 6th Company. The little acquaintance I have Since had with him, Satisfies me, that the character then given was correct. I beg leave to Suggest the propriety of promoting the present Subalterns, rather than Supplying the Lieutenancy from abroad.

The Junior Officer of that Co., Mr Cowles is an influential man & a very good Officer: with the other I am not acquainted.

I hope it will not be thought improper for me to observe, that I still recommend Mr Booth, for Ensign of the 6th Co. 2d Reg. of State Troops.

Should the vacancy be Soon Supplied, I presume, that the Company will be filled in the course of the Summer.

I am, with great respect,
Your Excellency's
most obedient &
humble Servt
CH: WHITTELSEY

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon

[Endorsed] Lt Col. C. Whittelsey — 20. July 1814 de Ensign mil. corps.

PETITION FROM INHABITANTS OF WESTBROOK SOCIETY

[5:127]

His Excellency John C. Smith Governor of the State of Connecticut — May it please Your Excellency.

We the undersigned Inhabitents of Westbrook Society in the Town of Saybrook beg leave to represent, that we live between Saybrook point, and Killingworth — and mostly within about a quarter of a mile of the sea shore in fair sight of the enemy in the sound — that there is no Guard within four or five miles each way of us. that there is no Village on the sea shore west of Newlondon in this State so much in sight of the enemy & so much exposed to be pillaged, burnt, or our cattle and other property carried off. Feeling our selves & our property so insecure and exposed, and especially in the night season when the enemy might land and in fifteen minutes take us out of bed and do what they would with us and our property and no alarm be given, untill they were off —

We the undersigned therefore request Your Excellency, to Order a small guard of twelve or fourteen men, to be statiened in this Society, under the inspection and Command of the Commanding Officer at Saybrook, & Killingworth — or in some other way grant us relief, as in duty bound shall pray.

Dated at Saybrook Westbrook Society July 20th 1814
His Excellency the Governor of the State of Connecticut —

JONATHAN LAY } Civil Authory
JOHN STANNARD }
LAY STANNARD Select Man

JAMES P. REDFIELD
WILLIAM STANNARD
JARED SPENCER
JOB STANNARD
RICHARD STOKES
JOSEPH BUSHNELL
JOHN POST 2d
JEDIDIAH POST
ANSEL HILL Capt 5th Compan
7th Regt
AUSTIN WILSON Lieut Militia
AARON BUSHNELL Ensign
EPHRAIM KELSEY
EPHRAIM KELSEY 2d
NATHAN KIRTLAND

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH*

His Excelcy J. C. Smith —

Sir — — — The foregoing Petition was brought to my office this afternoon by Capt Hill commanding the militia Company in West Brook — requesting me to forward it to your Excellency &c —

I have unfortunately got the reputation of being a *fighting Character* — — I believe the citizens on the seaboard expect me to "*inspect*" all the fighting in these parts Your Excellency is acquainted probably with the real situation of WestBrook — — — It is a place of some business, & has had trouble from the enemy The place is compact & very near the water — — I should think there were 50 dwelling house[s] [in] the compass of a mile — and of every access to [the] Boats of the Enemy — The Schooner that was re[cently] mentioned in my

last was taken from this place by the Enemy's Boats — — Should a guard be deemed necessary I should think that a less number than 16 or 20 would be of little use as they could not relieve — — —

I have the honor to be &C

A Bray —

Killingworth

July 21, 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor Smith Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Westbrook Society representation — Hartford July — 28th — 1814 The within application having been presented to the Council — for consideration — They advise his Excellency the Governor not to comply with the Same —

Attest

Jona Brace Clerk

*On inside sheet of preceeding petition.

HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:128]

New Haven 21 July 1814

sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst.

The commanding officers of the detachments stationed in this place, have made returns to Major Goddard agreeably to your directions.

In a conversation with General Humphreys, a few days previous to the reception of the General order of the 19th of April, he informed me, that he had it from your Excellency, that such an order was to be issued, & gave me to understand that Beacons were the kind of signals contemplated. — on the reception of the order I took measures accordingly to have it carried into effect. — six positions have been selected for the purpose, being the highest eminences within a suitable distance from the shore, in each of the towns on the coast, within the limits of the Brigade except Milford, the point selected in

New Haven being so near the dividing line between the two towns, & in so conspicuous a situation as to render a further one unnecessary, — directions are given to have these Beacons lighted only in case of an actual landing of the enemy, — Orders have been issued to the commandants of the respective Regiments notifying them of the various Beacons, with directions to establish suitable alarm posts, within the limits of their commands, & to give notice to the commanding officers of companies that on the lighting up of the signals they are to assemble with the men under their command at such posts prepared to march upon the earliest information, to the place needed. — I think that from this arrangement there is but little danger that the Brigade will be needlessly subjected to any very burdensome calls.

Although the twelve pounders are ready for service & there is a supply of Ammunition for them, yet the Company for whose use they were designed has not yet taken charge of them, the officers give as a reason for this neglect the exposed situation of the Pier without a Breastwork & the impossibility of working the Guns to any advantage in that place without a suitable platform. — as this Company is not subject to my command, I have deemed it improper for me to give them any orders on the subject. — an estimate of the expense of erecting such works as are thought necessary has been made, it is supposed that one hundred & fifty dollars will be sufficient, the principal part of this would be needed in the purchase of materials the labour necessary would be but a small portion of it

Respectfully I am sir
Your Most Obed servt
HEZEKIAH HOWE

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Sharon
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[Endorsed] B. Genl H. Howe — 21. July 1814 recd at Sharon
26th whilst I was at Hartford —

JOHN MIX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:129]

FARMINGTON July 23d 1814. —

Sir,

Your Excellencys letter of the 9th instant did not come to hand untill the day before yesterday, — this delay on its passage is to me altogether unaccountable. — I received a letter from Colv Staples dated June 28th complaining, not that the 12lb cannon were not mounted and completely fitted for actual service, but that they were then remaining in the yard of the mechanics where the mounting was done; — neither that there was not a sufficient quantity of ammunition sent to New Haven for those pieces, but that it was addressed, or sent to the care of gentlement (Majors Bradley and Sherman) who did not belong to the corps of volunteer artillerists, and that this ammunition did not arrive there at as early a period as it ought to have done; — from those three sources the most or all of his complaints appeared to flow, and in a style tinged with not a little bitterness. — As to the first complaint, the pieces not having been moved, — my directions to Major Bradley who mounted them, were, that the moment they were completed to deliver them into the care of the commanding officer of the volunteer matross company, expecting that they would still farther volunteer the actual service of eight or ten men and three or four truck horses, for two or three hours to transport them to the far end of the long wharf, provided they in fact considered that these cannon would be necessary for absolute defence; — but in this expectation I have been disappointed; — Major Bradley has informed me that he has frequently requested the officers of that company to have them moved to their place of destination; but they have neglected it unless it has been done within fifteen or eighteen days, since which I have had no information concerning them. — As to the second ground of complaint, viz, that the ammunition was not sent to the commanding officer of this volunteer corps; — having had frequent communications with Majors Bradley and Sherman within the last two years respecting munitions of war, and supposeing that if articles of this kind calculated

for 12lb ordnance were sent there, and there being no other pieces of this size at that place, particularly after the gentlemen to whom they were sent had been requested to deliver them for the use of these pieces whenever requested, I really had considered that all this ammunition would have been found and applied to the particular use for which it was originally designed, without any inconvenience to that company in particular, and without incurring censure from any person in N. Haven; — but in this I am also mistaken, — Col° Staples has dealt out his censure with a liberal hand. — The third ground of complaint is, that the mounting of these cannon and forwarding the ammunition was not done with as much dispatch as it ought to have been; — Your Excellency will doubtless recollect that the order for procuring grape shot was not communicated to me untill one of the last days of the Session of Assembly, say about the 4th of June; and within 12 or 15 days from that a supply of those were sent to N. Haven fixed in canisters, and about the same time a sufficient quantity of round shot suited to the calibers of those 12 pounders; — the mounting of those pieces was done with as much expedition as the nature of the business would admit of, the round assertion of Col° Staples to the contrary notwithstanding. — I hope at some future period I shall have an opportunity to shew your Excellency the correspondence betwixt Col° Staples and myself on this subject, that is, his letter to me of the 28th of June, with a copy of my answer; — and another letter from him to me a few days since, couched in such rude ungentleman like terms that I have not given him an answer, and shall treat it with silent contempt. —

A few days since I returned from a tour to Norwich, New London, and along the Seacoast as far as New Haven; I am extremely sorry to inform your Excellency that a 6lb. which I directed to be moved from Stonington to Saybrook was taken on a water passage by the enemy very near Saybrook; I directed Mr Goddard to send it either by land or water at his discretion, and according to circumstances; — but gave him my decided opinion in favor of the land, — he adopted the water conveyance and the piece is lost; — I presume before

this another is transported by land to Saybrook, mounted and fit for use. — A 6lb iron piece is now mounting for the East Guilford volunteers. — I have lately sent to Gen[l] Fowler such supply of ammunition for the artillery of his command East of New Haven as he considered necessary, having seen and conversed with him on that subject; — the cartridges have all been taken from the arsenal and deposited in the powder magazine, — the business of makeing them being suspended; — about 100,000 thousand have been made there this season. — I expect in the course of a week or ten days to have information that the wrought iron 6 pounder which was at Hartford is completely mounted and ready f[or] Capt Pettibone's company, and presume he will be pleased with it; — I was obliged to send it to New Haven. —

I expect next week to go along the seacoast from New Haven, Westward, where I shall make such arrangements in the quarter master department as my judgment may dictate to be expedient and necessary; — should any thing in particular occur to your Excellency which will require special attention, please to address me at Bridgeport the latter part of next week. —

I have the honor to be, Sir,
with much respect and esteem,
Your Excellencys,
very obedient Servant,
JOHN MIX —

His Excellency Governor SMITH. —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH, Sharon. —

[Endorsed] Quarter Master General — 23. July 1814 — cannon & munitions at N. Haven & elsewhere — Col. Staples &c This letter delivered to me at Hartford by Q. M. G. Mix —

JEDEDIAH TRACY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:130]

NORWICH July 23d 1814

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

While with gratitude I acknowledge the favor I received I am under the painfull necesity of offering you my resignation for reasons which you may consider reasonable my health for 4 months past has been such that I have been unable to attend the business of my calling. I have not been able to do any work neither am I now. my breast is very lame and weak my nerves are very much out of order and the least exertion causes a trembling which totaly unfits me for the service to which I am liable at any moment to be called. I feel it my duty to make this request; for were I calld to take the field I should have to report my self and the service might be injured not by loosing my services but by the delay it necesaryly would make to supply my place.

I have the honor to be
your Exelencys obedient Servant
JEDEDIAH TRACY
2d Lieut of 7 copany 2d Reg

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Governor of the State Connect at Sharon

[Endorsed] Jedh Tracy — 2 Lieut. 7.Co. 2 regt Mil. Corps — request to be discharged Not accepted by Advice of council —

GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:131]

SAY BROOK July 23d AD 1814

His Excellency John Cotton Smith

May it please your Excellency,

The object of the present address is, to tender to offer a resignation of the office of Captain of the first Company of Artillery in the State Corps, and solicit a Discharge —

Having been regularly and honorably discharged from duty in the Militia; my Consent to accept the present com-

mand was obtained only by very pressing Solicitations, from some of our Principal Citizens, upon condition, that the raising such a Company, would prove a very useful measure for the Security and protection of the Mouth of the River &c — And when at lenght I did consent, it was my fixed Intention, and well understood, that so soon as I could succeed in raising and organizing a Company, that I should retire. Since the date of my Commission, I have had much Sickness I think I may say, more than in 37 years before. Yet with this disadvantage, & the exertions of Militia Offices against me, I did succeed at much labor and expense in raising a fine Company of Men; which I had reason to hope from their local Situation, would be the means of affording some protection to that Section of the State, at least, where I and the rest of them reside. I have been in commission one and an half years; and excepting during the tour at New London of 60 Days I have not had in my Power to order out a Single man. To attempt to command Volunteers, is like attempting to drag Field Pieces with ropes of Sand & Pursuasion is as easily performed without a Commission as with. Your Excellency must be sensible, that in the exposed Situation in which I am placed, a Commission without any military authority is not only of no value but exposes me to censure from those who are unacquainted with the fact, and Ridicule from those who are.

The Practice of detaching a part of the Privates of my Company, without the requisite complement of officers, and placing them under other Officers, however correct in principle was not anticipated; It has caused a number of Privates to flee or remove; and will I am well pursuaded, operate as a complete obstacle, to prevent any future Inlistments, to fill present or future vacancies, in the Company.

By your Excellency's order of the 17th Instant (this day received thro Cap Bray) I am placed at the call & of Course under the Direction & command of a *Junior* officer; and Should the Enemy appear at my own Door, — before I could *command* my Company to turn out; must wait untill in the Opinion of this Junior Officer, residing in Killing 14 miles dis-

tant "The Enemy have attacked in such force, as to render my assistance necessary."
I certainly have no intention of questioning the propriety, or Correctness of your Excellencys Motives or Conduct — But that respect which is due to my own Character and Feelings, compel me to Say in that honest freedom of Speech which I know your Excellency will not dispprove, that my Situation as a Military Officer, is so unpleasnt that I am unwilling any longer to remain in it. —
I therefore respectfully request your Excellency, to accept of my Resignation, of the Commission with which I am honored, and grant me a discharge therefrom.

I am with great respect
Your Excellencys Obedient Servant
GEO. W JEWETT

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov. SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Capt. Jewett's resignation — not accepted by advise of council.

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:135]*

His Excel^cy John C Smith
Sir

I enclose to your Excel^cy, a communication, received this day, from several of the Merchants, Officers of the Militia, & other Citizens of SayBrook — Supposing this the most proper disposition of it — (The original is enclosed I having reserved a copy) — — — —

I am fully sensible of the danger of an attack from that quarter — and have felt an unpleasant anxiety ever since the Detachment under Lieut Dowd was dismissed — — They were stationed at that place — — It has been out of my power to guard that place with so few men as I now have — — — — There are but 64 of the Detachment reported, for Killingworth & Say-Brook — — The Detachment, according to the first arrangement of 91 — including officers, were all present, would

*Mounted incorrectly. Placed before Document #5:132 in order.

be sufficient for the purpose mentioned, in the enclosed Communication — — — — — —

I have recently established a Row-Guard, at the mouth of Connecticut River — For which I have made a selection of such men as were best qualified & set them apart for that service — — — —

I have so much confidence in this mode of guarding that River, that I should very unwillingly give it up — — — Indeed it is the only way that, that point can be made secure — — — —

Calculating for a full Detachment I had previously made the following disposition of the men — — — —

Killingworth	27	Non. Com. officers & Privates
	2	Music
	29	
Fort Fenwick	38	(Non. Com. Officers & Privates (including the Row-Guard — —
	2	- Music — — — — —
	40	
Guard House point	18	
	58	
Officers - -	4	
Total	91	

At the several stations, they have several separate points to keep centry — — I find it difficult to station a less number at either point, without making the duty too hard for the men — They will according to the arrangement, do centinel duty *nearly* every other night — — — — I am decidedly of the same opinion with the Citizens of Say Brook, as expressed in the enclosed communication, relative to the points necessary to be guarded — —

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's Obt. Svt.
AMAZIAH BRAY

KILLINGWORTH
July 27th 1814
P. S. — — — On sunday morning last, two sloops were captured off against Killingworth, by a Barge & 12 men — Both of them were soon after recaptured, by the guard & several of the Citizens, who operated with them — — —
The conduct of the Enemy was unusual, & such as rendered them very suspicious — They had neither *honor* nor *courage* — — I have strong reason to suspect, that the old *Refugee* system has commenced — We made use of every artifice to get at them, but having no Boat, calculated for the purpose, could not succeed — — — Three Vessels within 30 days, have been rescued from the possession of the Enemy, by the guard on this station, (Killingworth & Say Brook) with several of the citizens cooperating with them —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Governor of St. of Connecticut Hartford

PETITION FROM SAYBROOK

[5:132]

SAY BROOK 24th July 1814

Capt Amaziah Bray
Dear Sir

The undersignd and the Inhabitants of this Town generally placing the greatest confidence in your Wishes to make the best arrangments with the Guards placed under your Command for the protection of this Town & Harbor, beg leave to suggest the propriety that the guard should be continued at the place calld Cornfield Point — which place in our opinion without a Guard leaves the Town very much exposed, and also places the Guard at the fort liable at any time to be Cut off & captured by the Enemy before they Could receive any Warning of their landing, We thefore request that you will as soon as a Sufficient number of Men are placed under your Command, have a guard at placed Cornfield Point when we should feel the Town in a much safer Situation than it is at present, for we do conceive under present Circumstances that a compleat back Door is left open for the destruction of the

place & the Capture of the Fort Guard — We are also sensible that on account of the failure of the Men who were detached making their appearance That the Number of Men now under your Command are insufficient to Guard this point — We therefore request that you will as soon as possible use your endeavor that a Sufficient number be speedily detached & ordered to this place to make up the deficiency which at present exists —

ELISHA HART
JOHN SHIPMAN
Wm LYNDE
SAMl CARTER
AUGt BUSHNELL
BENJAMIN DOWDE
FRIEND WHITTELSEY
RICHARD W HART
SAMUEL CLARK

[Superscribed] Capt AMAZIAH BRAY Killingworth
[Endorsed] Capt. Bray

LINUS PARMELEE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:133]

HADDAM July 26th 1814 —

Sir

Ever since the plan of organizing a military force for the defence of the State of Connecticut was promulgated, I have felt anxious that it should be carried into execution, and so far as my feble abilities would permit, have assisted in the organization of the 2nd Company of State Artillery. — With these views and feelings I was induced to accept the office of first Lieutenant. I did not expect, neither did I wish to continue long in commission, at the time I was appointed to the office, which I now have the honor of holding.

The experience of sixty days actual Service, has convinced me that the public interest requires a firmer constitution than I possess, & that I am making too great sacrifices of health and property, by continueing longer in the military department. Add to this I have a young family, whose support and educa-

tion I consider of the highest importance, and which is entirely dependant upon my personal exertions. They will require and really merit all the care and attention I can bestow upon them. The active duties of a Soldier, will necessarially prevent me from that attention to my family which they deserve and which I am anxious to confer upon them. With these impressions, I am induced to resign the military command with which I have been honored in the second company of State Artillery, and to request your Excellency to give me a discharge therefrom.

I am your Excellencies
most Obedient
Humble Servt.
LINUS PARMELEE, Jr.

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esqr

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esq Governor of the State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Lt Parmelee's resignation — not accepted

OPINION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[5:134]

At a meeting of the Governour and Council of the State of Connecticut holden at Hartford on the 27th day of July 1814

A communication from the Secretary of war of the United States, to his Excellency the Governour, bearing date the 4th day of July instant, having been Submitted by his Excellency to the consideration of this board, and their advise requested as to the measures proper to be adopted in relation thereto

The Council are of opinion, that under existing circumstances, it will be expedient to organize the number of militia Suggested by the Secretary of war, to be held in a State of readiness untill further orders, to repel invation by the enemy, whenever they may be constitutionally ordered —

Passed in the Council —
Attest JON^{a} BRACE Clerk —

A true copy of record —
Examined by JON^{a} BRACE Clerk

[Endorsed] Result of Council — 28. July 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE
[5:136]

HARTFORD 28. July 1814 —

Sir —

Not having been informed at what precise time the present guard at N. Haven entered upon duty I am obliged to conjecture when its term of service will expire — An order is issued to the 6th brigade for the same number of militia infantry as were detached for the same service from your brigade, and the men are to be at N. Haven *on the 13th of August next* — The Honble Mr Goodrich informs me that in his opinion there will be no difficulty in procuring the requisite number of volunteers for the next term of 60 days — As I deem the row guard the most important part of the establishment, I must request you Sir to organize it as before — on the same conditions & for the like period — and to see that the whole are duly mustered *as infantry*. Should you not Succeed in obtaining the volunteers so as to make a complement equal to the guard originally ordered it will be necessary and you are now directed to Supply the deficiency from your brigade, as there will not be time to draw from one more distant — This arrangement I should regret because it disturbs that equalization of the service which it has been my desire to maintain — I hope it will be unnecessary — Be pleased to advise me early of your success in the execution of these instructions —

I am Sir respectfully your
obt sert

J. C. S. Capt. Genl

B Genl HOWE —

[Endorsed] Order to Genl Howe 28. July 1814 — guard at N. H.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO INHABITANTS OF WESTBROOK SOCIETY

[5:137]

HARTFORD 28. July 1814

Gentlemen —

I duly received your communication and immediately submitted it to the consideration of the Council — That Honourable body feel with me a sincere desire to comply with your request, but they are of opinion it can not be done consistently with a proper regard to the general interest of the state, and without interfering with the arrangements made by the Gen[l] Assembly at their last session —

There are many other points on the coast at which guards are requested apparently with equal propriety — To yield to the solicitation of one would seem to be doing injustice to the others — and to gratify all is impracticable —

Under your circumstances I apprehend it would be prudent to remove your shipping entirely from your harbour to some place of Security — Should this be done, it is believed the temptation and of course the danger of a visit from the enemy would be greatly diminished —

With the warmest wishes for your safety and prosperity I am gentlemen your ob[t] & hm. ser[t] —

[Endorsed] J. Lay Esqr &[c]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT

[5:138]

HARTFORD 28. July 1814

Dear Sir —

Your resignation has been submitted to the Council, and they unanimously advise that it be not accepted —

I lament the construction you seem to have put upon the order of the 17th instant. Nothing is clearer than when in the field you would take your rank; and that you should be called on for assistance by a junior officer in consequence of orders from the Commander in chief is in no Sense Subjecting

you "to the direction or command" of that officer. He is but the agent thro' whom the call is made; and there would have been no hesitation on my part in issuing a similar order to the Colonel of any regiment of militia in the vicinity of that post. — Such is the light in which your Scruples are contemplated by the Council, and I presume it will be satisfactory to you to learn that the B. General Com^{t} of the state troops holds the same opinion I have now expressed

I might have been less particular in my reply, but the esteem I entertain for you personally and your very meritorious conduct as an officer make it equally a duty and a pleasure to explain to you my motives in the fullest manner —

It is by no means my desire to limit your usefulness. Accordingly I hereby authorize you to call out the force under your command in the Same manner and under the same circumstances as officers of the like grade in the militia are enabled to do in virtue of the 26th section of the "act for forming and conducting the military force of this state" — transmitting to me information of your proceedings as therein prescribed —

With sincere regard I am Dr Sir
Your obedient & humble servant
J. C. Smith

Capt. Jewett —
[Endorsed] Capt. G. W. Jewett.

GENERAL ORDERS
[5:139]

State of Connecticut
General orders.
Hartford 28. July 1814

The Commander in chief has received a communication from the President of the United States, inviting the Executives of certain states to organize and hold in readiness for immediate service a corps of ninety three thousand five hundred men, "as a measure of precaution to strengthen ourselves on

the line of the Atlantic", and assigning as the quota of Connecticut three hundred artillery and two thousand seven hundred infantry with a detail of general and staff officers.

And the Commander in chief having thought proper by advice of the Council to comply with the recommendation, directs that dispositions be immediately made for carrying the same into effect.

Accordingly the number of Artillery and infantry above mentioned including the usual regimental officers will be detached from the militia of the state, exempting from the draught such as have either in person or by substitute performed a tour of duty the present season — Volunteer uniform companies will be accepted. The whole to be formed into four regiments and duly officered; their places of rendezvous as follows to wit, for the first regiment Hartford, for the second New Haven, for the third Norwich, and for the fourth Fairfield. One Major General and one Brigadier General will be detailed in the usual manner, also one deputy Quarter Master General; and instead of an Assistant adjutant General (there being no such officer in the militia of this state) there shall be detailed one division inspector.

The troops thus detached are to be completely armed and equipped according to law and, until otherwise directed, will be held in readiness to march at a moment's warning for the purpose of repelling invasions of the enemy, under such orders as they shall receive from the Commander in chief —

Notwithstanding this arrangement it is confidently expected that the whole body of Militia and every other description of military force will bear in mind the General orders issued on the 19th april last and will stand in complete readiness for the defence of the state at this unusual period of difficulty and danger —

[Endorsed] Gen[l] orders 28. 1814 — draught —

Detachment July 1814
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	Major Generals	Brigadiers	Dep^{y} Inspector Genl	Aides de Camp	Brigade Major	Dep^{y} Q M Genl	Lt Col^{o} Commd^{t}	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Chaplains	Pay Master	Quarter Masters	Surgeons	Surgeons Mates	Serg^{t} Major	Q Master Serg^{t}	Drum Major	Fife Major	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Fifers	Privates
Infantry 1st brigade							1	1	4	4	4		1	1			1	1		1		16	16	4	4	371
Artillery d^{o}									1	2												3	3	1		50
Infantry 7th		1		1	1			1	4	4	4	1			1	1			1		1	16	16	4	4	325
Artillery d^{o}																						1	1		1	12
To form 1^{t} Reg^{t}																										
Infantry 2^{d} brig^{d}							1	1	5	5	5	1	1	1			1		1		1	18	17	5	5	335
Artillery d^{o}									1	1												3	3		1	50
Infantry 4′ d^{o}								1	3	3	3				1	1		1		1		14	15	3	3	258
Artillery 4th d^{o}										1												1	1	1		12
To form 2^{d} Reg^{t}																										
Infantry 3^{d} Brig^{d}							1	1	4	4	4	1		1			1	1		1		16	16	3	3	202
Artillery d^{o}									1	1												2	2	1		30
Infantry 5 d^{o}								1	4	4	4		1		1	1			1	1		16	16	5	5	246
Artillery 5 d^{o}										1												2	2		1	32
To form 3^{d} Reg^{t}																										
Infantry 6′ Brig^{d}								1	4	4	4	1		1	1	1		1	1		1	16	16	4	4	250
Artillery d^{o}										1												2	2		1	22
Infantry 8′d^{o}							1	1	4	4	4		1				1		1		1	16	16	4	4	240
Artillery 8 d^{o}									1	1												2	2	1		40
		1		1	1		4	8	36	40	32	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	144	144	36	36	2475

1 Major Genl Augustine Taylor 4′ division
2 Aides de Camp.....d^{o}
1 Division Inspector———.....d^{o}
1 Dep^{y} Q M General
1 Brig^{d} Genl Levi Lusk
1 Aide de camp
1 Brigade Inspector
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By the above organization into Regiments it will be perceived that the number of privates is not equal in each, but it was considered a lesser evil, than to remove from the large regiments a number sufficient to make them equal say 556 being all fully officered, & can be equalized if necessary when called into service

The 1′ Reg^{t} has a surplus–..... 140 privates
2 d^{o}..... 37
177

The 3^{d} Reg^{t} wants 108 privates to make 556
The 4′ Reg^{t} 66 d^{o}
174

4 Lt Col^{o} Commd^{t}
8 Majors
36 Capt^{ns}
40 Lieu^{ts}
32 Ens^{ns}
4 Adj^{ts}
4 Chaplains
4 Quarter Masters
4 Pay Masters
4 Surgeons
4 Mates
4 Serg^{t} Majors
4 Q Master Serg^{ts}
4 Drum Majors
4 Fife Majors
144 Sergeants
144 Corporals
36 Drummers
36 Fifers
2475 Privates
———
3003 total

[Endorsed] Details of the detachment of 3000 militia under order of 28. July 1814....

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG
[5:141]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 1. August 1814

Sir

Your letter under date of the 4th July last, reached me on the 16th of the same month —

Although there appears to be no act of congress expressly authorizing a detachment from the militia, for the purpose mentioned in your communication, yet the respect due to a recommendation from the President having for its object the defence of the country induced me without unnecessary delay to convene the council of the state, and to submit the proposition to their consideration. That Honourable body having advised the Executive to detach the number of troops suggested as the proportion of Connecticut, orders were immediately issued to that effect, and you will speedily be informed by the proper officer of their execution.

Permit me Sir to observe that this measure will probably be less useful here, than in those states where the same system of precaution may not have been previously adopted. — In General orders issued on the 19th April last not only the whole body of militia, but every other description of military force in the state were directed to be held in readiness to march at a moment's warning. The militia were thoroughly inspected — signals and alarm-posts established — arms and ammunition distributed along the coast at convenient places of deposit, in short every preparation has been made "*to strengthen ourselves on the line of the Atlantic*" which the means of the state would afford.

The detachment can be no otherwise completed than by a draft through the several brigades. Besides the derangement such a process must occasion, it is evident the Corps thus dispersed cannot be brought into the field in season to repel a sudden and powerful incursion of the enemy. Reliance after all must be placed upon the troops nearest the scene of danger.

But is there not reason to apprehend that all who escape the draft may feel themselves excused from that degree of vigilence which they would otherwise be bound to maintain. To prevent this effect I am of opinion it will still be necessary to continue in force the regulations prescribed in the order of April last; and it is respectfully submitted whether the great object in view, the security of the maritime frontier, will not be as effectually promoted by dispensing with the proposed organization within the limits of this state.

Pursuant to arrangements with Col. Kingsbury under the instructions of the President, guards are stationed at several points on the coast. In the absence of regular troops these guards have hitherto been composed of militia and other forces of the state. They have indeed essentially contributed to the safety of our harbours; but the service falls with great severity upon those industrious classes of our citizens at this busy season of the year. I need but suggest Sir that no advances have yet been made by the General Government either for the wages of the men, or the military supplies furnished by the Quarter Master General of the state.

With great respect I have the
honour to be Sir
Your obe^{t} & very hum^{l} ser^{t}

JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Honble J. ARMSTRONG
Secretary of war

[Endorsed] To Secretary of War — 1. August 1814 Copy-N° 4.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[5:142]

First draft of 5:141

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[5:143]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 4. August 1814

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant —

The Adjutant General is directed to Send you a transcript of the General orders issued on the 28th ultimo for organizing and holding in readiness a body of militia, pursuant to the recommendation of the President of the United States. To that document I refer you for answers to most of your inquiries —

Any sudden approach of the enemy must evidently be met by the troops nearest the place of attack; and the officers of the militia are already authorized and required, in such emergencies, to call out the force under their command immediately, and without waiting for particular instructions. — In other cases, where requisitions may be necessary and proper, there will be time to offer them to the Executive of the State. — The militia, whenever their Services are required, *will expect to march under orders received from their Commander in chief.* — And Such orders as the exigency demands, you may rest assured shall be promptly given.

I am gratified Sir at the solicitude you manifest for the protection of our maritime frontier; and I shall cheerfully communicate to you any information respecting "the objects and designs of the enemy and the defence of the State" which it may be in my power to afford — Equally Satisfactory is the assurance that you will endeavour "to preserve the strictest harmony between the national troops and the militia". Your reputation as an officer and a citizen is a sufficient guaranty that "the rights of the militia as Secured by the constitution and laws of our country will be duly respected".

With sentiments of sincere regard I
am Sir your obt & huml sert. JOHN COTTON SMITH

Brigd Genl T. H. CUSHING —
[Endorsed] To Brigd Genl Cushing 4. Aug. 1814 No 7.

GENERAL ORDERS

[5:144]

State of Connecticut
General orders

4. August 1814

To accommodate that part of the county of Hartford which lies on the east side of Connecticut river, the Captain General has thought proper to authorize and request Lieutenant Colonel Lebbeus P. Tinker of the 3rd regiment of volunteers to hear and decide appeals in all cases arising, within the limits aforesaid, under the first section of "an Act in addition to an Act entitled An act to establish a military Corps for the defence of the state", passed in May AD 1813 —

By order of the Captain General —
E. H. Ad. Gen[l] —

[Endorsed] Gen[l] Orders 4. Aug. 1814 de military appeals

RETURN OF THE MILITARY CORPS

[5:145]

A Return of the Military Corps established for the defence of the State for July 1814

Infantry		
First Regiment	Colonel	1
	Lieu[t] Colonel	1
	Majors	2
	Captains	10
	Lieutenants	20
	Ensigns	10
	Serjeants	31
	Corporals	26
	Drummers	14
	Fifers	15
	Privates fit for duty	499
	D° unfit for Duty	4
	D° absent from the State	15
	D° enlisted into U. S. service	9
	Tot.	657

Second Regent	Colonel	1
	Lieutenant Colonel	1
	Majors	2
	Captains	9
	1st Lieutenants	9
	2d Lieutenants	9
	Ensigns	9
	Serjeants	29
	Corporals	24
	Drummers	16
	Fifers	14
	Privates	452
		575

There is no return of the 5th Company of the 2d Regent

Squadron of Cavalry

	Major Command	1
	Captains	4
	Lieutenants	8
	Cornets	4
	Serjeants	11
	Corporals	12
	Musicians	4
	Privates	87
	Tot.	131

Battallion of Artillery

	Majr Command	1
	Captains	4
	Lieutenants	12
	Sergeants	12
	Corporals	12
	Drummers	4
	Fifers	4
	Privates	158
		207

Aug. 22d 1814

NATHl TERRY Brigadr Genl Commandt of the Military Corps of the State —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Captn Genl of the State of Connt Hartford

[Endorsed] Return of Military Corps recd 22. Aug. 1814 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[5:146]

SHARON 4. Aug. 1814

Dear Sir —

In a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of War after my return from Hartford, is the following paregra[p]h — "although there appears to be no act of congress, &c. (ending at the words — "of their execution")
Hence it will be expected that you forward to the war department the proper returns —

I must also request you to furnish Brigadier General Cushing at New London with a copy of the General orders on the same subject — I have received a very civil & respectful letter from that officer containing certain inquiries which will be best answered by a view of thos orders — & he is informed by me that you will send him a transcript without delay — *

I hope you received my letter from Canton in time to insert the addition therein mentioned —

You took minutes of the brigades from which in due course detachments were to be made for guards at the different points — Will you be so good as to furnish me by the first mail with a copy of those minutes? It should have been done at the time — — In consequence of a representation from Stonington I request you, in future drafts *for a guard at that place* to exempt the 8th comp. in Col. Randalls regiment both officers & soldiers —

Be pleased to let me hear from you shortly, & rest assured of the sincere regard of Dr

Sir your friend & sert J. C. S —

*He assures me there is at present no prospect of his being under the necessity of making a requisition —

Major Gen[l] E. HUNTINGTON —

P. S. The Subjoined Gen[l] orders respecting military appeals within that part of the county of Hartford east of Con[t] river, you will please to sign & communicate to the concerned— [Endorsed] To Adj[t] Gen[l] Huntington — 4. Aug. 1814 —

JAMES WARNER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[5:147]

DANBURY August 5th 1814 —

His Excellency, John Cotton Smith Esq[r]

sir having received from your Excellency, first, the appointment of Ensign in the first Company of the first Regiment of State Corps, I failed not to apply myself to the study of the Military tactics in order to qualify myself for the dutys of a company Officer, and on the Resignation of Cap[t] Whittlesey and Lieu[t] Cook, I did expect that a nomination to fill their vacancies would have been made consistant with the feelings and opinion of the Company Officers, but to my surprise I found myself neglected in the appointment to that rank which I supposed myself justly entitled and that too under circumstances peculiarly unpleasant, to me, by which I feel myself too much degraded to serve in the capacity of 2nd Lieutenant with honor to myself or profit to the Company, — I therefore pray Your Excellency to accept my resignation and discharge me from said Office —

With respect, Your Excellencys most
obedient and humble Servant
JAMES WARNER

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq[r]
Sharon — Danbury 6th August 7 10

[Endorsed] Lieut. J[s] Warner's Resignation 1. com. 1. Reg[t] 5. Aug. 1814 — To be laid before y[e] Council Not accepted by advise of Council —

SETH COMSTOCK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:148]

DANBURY August 6 1814

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq[r]

Sir,

When the Legislator of this State autherized the Raising of a Body of State Troops, I had the honour of Receiving from Your Excellency an appointment to Command the 1st Company in the first Reg[t] of said Corps. I exerted myself to the Utmost of my Abillities to fill up my Company; but the Jealousey which the raising of this Body of Troops excited among the Militia was extreem; particularly in this part of the state and rendered Enlistments verry slow. I however Succeded in recruiting about 45 Men. — With a Detachment from them and other Companies in the first Regiment and in Obedience to an Order from Col[o] Terry I Performed a Tower of duty at New London in Sept[r] & October last — at the Session of the Legislator Last Fall I had the Honour to be Promoted to the Rank of Major in s[d] Reg[t] and it was my intention to accept the appointment and do my duty accordingly — but the utter contempt and neglect that has been shewn to my Opinion by the Commanding officer of the Regimen[t] in selecting and Recommending a Person to take the Command of the Company after the Resignation of Cap[t] Whittlesey renders it extreemly unpleasant any longer to do duty under him, I Consider it verry essential to the Publick service that a degree of mutual Confidence should exist among the Regimental as well as Company Officers, and particularly when Military disapline is so low as it is at present — Under these circumstances I feel it my duty to pray Your Excellency to accept of my Resignation in s[d] Regiment and Dismiss me from any further servis — I am with Respect Your Excellency's most Obedient & Humble Servant SETH COMSTOCK —

[Superscribed] His Excellency, JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq[r]
Sharon — Danbury 6 August 7 10

[Endorsed] Major Comstock's Resignation — 6 Aug. 1814
To be laid before y[e] Council 17th Oct. 1814 Resignation not accepted by advise of the council —

DAVID LACEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[5:149]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq,
Governor of the State of Connecticut

The Petition of David Lacey of the Borough of Bridgeport humbly showeth,

That your Petitioner did on the 1st of August 1813 enlist, as first Serjeant, into the 7th Company, (of the 1st Regt. of Infantry that were to be raised for the defence of the State,) commanded by Simon Backus, Jun'r,

Your Petitioner further states that said Backus has never been able to enlist more than 12, or 15 men and that it is extremely doubtful whether he will ever be able to fill up his Company — Owing to the small number enlisted, we have never been called out for exercise or Inspection and most probably never shall be —

Your Petitioner feels it to be his duty at all times to contribute by all the means in his power, to the Support of the Military Establishment of this State — but more especially in this eventful crisis —

furthermore your Petitioner has lately rec'd the Appointment of Serjeant Major in the 28th Regt of the Standing Militia, and therefore Prays your Excellency to discharge your Petitioner or Cause him to be discharged from the aforesaid 7th Company of State Troops and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray

DAVID LACEY

P. S. Should your Excellency deem it meet to grant the Prayer of your Petitioner he would esteem it a particular Favour that it might be done at the most early period that may suit convenience.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor State of Connecticut Sharon Paid 10

[Endorsed] Sergt David Lacey's Petition for a discharge 7 Comp. 1. Regt state troops — Recd 9th — Aug. 1814 — not granted until a recomn from the Colonel —

THOMAS H. CUSHING TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS
[5:150]

(Copy)
Military District. N° 2
Head Quarters NEW LONDON, 9th August. 1814

Sir

Information is this moment received that the Enemy has demanded the surrender of Stonington, and with a threat to lay it in Ashes if not surrendered in one hour — The force under my command cannot be detached without hazarding the safety of this place and the public Vessels near Norwich

Under these Circumstances, I have to request you to order out the Four nearest Regiments of Militia and the Artillery Companies in this Vicinity to be immediately assembled in such positions, as are best Calculated to resist any attempts which may be made on the Forts in this harbour, the public Vessels in the River or the Towns in the neighborhood — I am Sir very respectfully

Your Ob Servant
(Signed) T H CUSHING. B G Com

Major Gen[l] WILLIAMS
Conn[t] Militia
[Endorsed] Brig[d] Gen[l] Cushing's requisition on Gen[l] Williams —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES MONROE
[5:151]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 9. August 1814

Sir

The resolution of the Legislature of this state, disagreeing to the Amendment of the National constitution mentioned in your letter of the 29th ultimo was passed at their May Session AD 1813 — And on the 2nd day of June AD 1813 copies of the resolution were severally transmitted by me to *the Secretary of State*, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House

of Representatives, of the United States. The journals of the Senate and of the House shew that my communication was duly received by those bodies respectively. I shall immediately send to the Secretary of this state for another transcript of the resolution which shall be forwarded without delay when received —

I enclose a copy of my letter of the 2. June AD 1813 —
With respectful consideration I have
the honour to be Sir your
ob^{t} & very humble Ser^{t}
JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Hon. JAMES MONROE
Secretary of state U. S.

[Endorsed] To Secretary of state U. S.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JIRAH ISHAM

[5:152]

NEW LONDON Aug ^{t} 9th 1814

A.

Brigadier Genl Jirah Isham
Sir

In pursuance of a requisition received from Brigadier General Cushing you are hereby directed to order out the Eight & thirtieth regiments in your Brigade — the Thirtieth to rendezvous at stonington Borough and the eight at the head of mistic River, to repel the Enemy now landing at stonington.

Given under my hand at New London 9th Augt 1814
Wm WILLIAMS
Major Genl

You will also order the Twentieth Regiment to meet at their alarm post & wait there further order
Wm WILLIAMS
Major Genl

Upon the further requisition of Brigadier General Cushing you will immediately order out the third Regiment of your Brigade

Wm Williams
Majr Genl

Copy
M Lee Aidde Camp
[Endorsed] Major Genl Williams's orders to Genl Isham — 9. Aug. 1814

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH COMSTOCK

[5:153]

Sharon 10th Aug. 1814 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 6th instant is received — Before the resignation of a field officer in the "Military corps" can be accepted the advise & consent of the council must be obtained. Of course you will not expect a decision upon your application until the next meeting of that body. Powerful indeed should be the motives with honourable men for quitting important military commands at a moment when the dearest interests of the state are in jeopardy — Permit me Sir, to hope that on further reflexion the cause you suggest unpleasant as it may be to your private feelings will not be allowed to prejudice the strong claim of the public to the Services of so valuable an officer —

With sentiments of sincere regard
I am Sir your obedient and
humble servt ——

Major S. Comstock

[Endorsed] To Major Comstock

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES WARNER

[5:154]

SHARON 10. Aug. 1814

Sir

Your letter requesting a dismission from your present office in the "military corps" has been received — Although the Commander in chief is authorized to discharge commissioned officers in that corps, yet it is usual to consult the Council in such cases, especially as the vacancy when made cannot be filled without their consent — I will take the earliest opportunity of Submitting your request to their Consideration — It is not probable the board will meet until October next —

I am Sir your very obt Sert —

Lieut. JAMES WARNER —

[Endorsed] To Lieut. Warner

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID LACEY

[5:155]

SHARON 10. Aug. 1814

Sir —

Your application for a discharge as first Sergeant of the 7th Co. 1 regt State troops, came to hand yesterday. — A recommendation from the Colonel of the regiment is an indispensable requisite in such cases — Furnished with that I will immediately take your request into consideration —

I am Sir your obt & hm. sert

J. C. SMITH

Mr DAVID LACEY

[Endorsed] To Sergt Lacey

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:156]

NEW LONDON 10th Aug. 1814

Sir

I have to inform your Excellency that in consequence of a requisition from Brigr Genl Cushing, a Copy of which is En-

closed I last evening ordered into service for the objects therein mentioned, The Third Eight Twentieth and Thirtieth Regiments of Militia under the command of Brig Gen[l] J. Isham — The Thirtieth Reg[t] is ordered to Stonington — the Eighth to the head of Mystic The Twentieth to Norwich and the Third to this place — The Enemy after the summons mentioned in the enclosed, which was not Complied with — commenced firing on Stonington point last Evening. with Rockets and Ball which was continued through the night and has been this morning very heavy & constant

By the last accounts from thence the force of the Enemy consisted of One Frigate one Sloop of War. and one Brig — the latter very near the Town — a Ship of the Line is also in Fishers Island Sound. and there are now at Anchor near Gull Island Three more Ships. apparently of the Line or Frigates, and one or two more are supposed to be under the Land and not visible from this place — making the whole force near this Eight or Nine Ships of which probably Three are of the Line —

I shall wait the orders of your Excellency for discharging these Regiments when their services shall no longer be required —

There are only two Casks of Powder and Four Thousand Musket Cartridges, and no Flints, now in the Magasine, and I beg leave to suggest to your Excellency the expediency of ordering a further supply of these Articles —

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Excellencys
Most Ob Servant

W[m] Williams
Maj[r] General

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith
Governor of the state
of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Maj[r] Gen[l] Williams, Letter — attack on Stonington — 10. Aug. 1814 — rec[d] & answ[d] 11th

DISTRICT ORDERS
[5:157]

Military District N° 2.
Head Qu^rs^ New London
10th Augt 1814

B.

District Orders

The Militia of this State ordered into Service yesterday by Major General Williams, at the request of the commanding General of the District, are to be considered in the service of the United States, and will form a Brigade under the Command of Brigadier General Isham who will furnish a return by Regiments to the Adjutant General of the District the soonest possible — Untill the proper returns of General Ishams Brigade can be obtained, the contractor will issue provisions on the requisition of Major Goddard, countersigned by the Commanding General, and the Major will be held responsible for the proper application of all Provisions so received, and which must be covered by regular returns so soon as the strength of the Brigade can be ascertained —

By order of the Commanding General
P P Schuyler
Adj^t^ Genl ———

(Copy)
M Lee Aid de Camp
[Endorsed] District orders —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS
[5:158]

Sharon 11. Aug. 1814
9'o'clock A.M. —

Sir

Your despatch is this moment received by express — I approve altogether of the course you have pursued — it is conformable to the instructions you had before received from me and such as is clearly justified by the exigency —

The militia thus ordered out by you must remain in service until relieved unless circumstances shall warrant the dismission of a part or the whole at an earlier period — Brigadier General Lusk who is detailed under the General orders of the 28th ultimo is now directed to hasten the formation of the first & third régiments of the detachment whose places of rendezvous are Hartford & Norwich and to proceed immediately for the relief of the troops now on duty — I regret that a considerable portion of these same troops will be necessarily included in the new draft — but the arrangement made by the war-department and the requisition received from Genl Cushing as well as the points of attack seem to render the measure unavoidable —

The Q.M. Genl is ordered to forward supplies of munitions immediately — I am Sir respectfully

your ot Sert

Majr Genl WILLIAMS —

[Endorsed] To Majr Genl Williams 11. Aug. 1814

GEORGE L. PERKINS TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[5:159]

Head Quarters
Detachmt Militia
STONINGTON 12th Augt 1814

(Copy)

Sir

I have it in command to advise of the commencement and expiration of the Bombardment of this Town by his B. Maj's Ships under the command of Sir Thomas M. Hardy which will appear by memorandum at foot — and for other particulars presume to refer you to Capt Lee Aid de Camp to Brigr Genl Isham who is the bearer of this

Very Respectfully
Your Mt Obt Sert

(Signed) Go L. PERKINS

Brig^{r} Genl CUSHING
U. S. Army
New London

Mem.

Augt 11th (Thursday) Enemy commenced Bombarding the Town at 4 Oclock P.M. continued until 8 oclock in the evening — a L^{t} & 4 or 5 men wounded — no particular injury done to the Town this day

Augt 12th (Friday) Commenced Bombardment About 5 oclock A.M. at half past 5 the 74 hawled in and opened a brisk and distructive fire, — *Saturn hauled in at half past 6 oclock and commenced her fire — firing ceased at 8 oclock commenced again at half past 8 & ceased again at 9 A.M. 11 oclock lay opposite the Town within cannon Shot (signed) G L P maj^{r}

*A large Razee

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[5:160]

NORWICH 12 August 1814

Sir

In compliance with the recommendation of the President, The Captain General hath directed me to detach from the militia of this state, twenty seven hundred infantry & three hundred artillerists including officers & form them into four regiments to be under the command of a Major General and a Brigadier, with regular staff for the same

The detachment hath been completed and ordered to rendezvous at the following places — The first regiment at Hartford, the second at New Haven, the third at Norwich, and the fourth at Fairfield

I am &C
E H A G

The Honorable Secretary of War

[Endorsed] Genl Huntington's letter to Sec^{y} of war — Copy —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELIAS SELDEN, JR.

[5:161]

SHARON 12. Aug. 1814

Sir

Your letter is received and the depositions accompanying it —

Being satisfied with your representation I shall direct Capt. Buell of the state troops to erase your name from the roll of his company — You will accordingly continue to do duty in the militia — until you shall be lawfully discharged therefrom —

I am Sir your ob^{t} ser^{t}
J. C. S —

Mr ELIAS SELDEN Junr

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA H. BUELL

SHARON 12. Aug. 1814 —

Sir —

Since our last interview I have received from Elias Selden Junr, who is enrolled in your company, two depositions, which clearly prove that he was not duly enlisted by the person who acted under your orders — You are therefore requested to erase his name from your roll, and you will notify the commanding officer of the company within which he resides of the fact — that he may be required to perform his duty in the militia —

I am Sir your very
ob^{t} ser^{t}
J. C. S —

Capt. E. H. BUELL —

[Endorsed] To Elias Selden J^{r} and To Capt. E. H. Buell —
12. Aug. 1814 —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[5:162]

NORWICH 13th August 1814
8 °Clock AM

My dear sir

By the mail last evening via Bridgeport I wrote your excellency, & altho unusually fatigued for three days past — by adverting to the copy of my letter, I fondly believe that nothing has been omitted by me, which had been previously contemplated by you, when [you] were at Hartford & communicated to me —

The call on the first brigade to relieve the guard at Stonington, was done from my own judgement, but I presume correct —

Several intelligent persons have returned from S - n since I closed my letter last night, but I can find nothing essential in addition to what I mentionᵈ respecting the movements of the enemy —

The desultory movements of the enemy will pr[ ]sonly afflictive to us this summer, particularly to those who reside near the shore - - - I can not but wish your Excellency to make a visit into this quarter of the state & pay me a visit - - - I avail myself of a private conveyance to Hartford this morning to place this letter in the H P Office —

yours very sincerely EBEN: HUNTINGTON

Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govʳ SMITH Sharon 10

[Endorsed] Adjᵗ Genˡ Huntington 15th Aug. 1814 recᵈ at Hartford — answᵈ 27ᵗ

THOMAS H. CUSHING TO LEVI LUSK

[5:163]

Military District N° 2 —
Head Quarters NEW LONDON
14th August 1814

Sir

I have just received Brigade Major Plummers letter of

the 12th instant, informing me that a part of the Militia ordered into the service of the United States by his Excellency Governor Smith, will rendezvous at Hartford on the 18th and the remainder at Norwich on the 23rd instant, & requesting information as to their destination — I have also been informed by His Excellency Governor Smith, that you have been detailed for this Service, and instructed to correspond with me on the Subject. —

It is desirable that the Regiment ordered to rendezvous at Hartford on the 18th instant should be marched to this place immediately after it shall have been formed, and you will please to give the necessary orders for this purpose — You will then repair to this place in person, for the purpose of receiving such further instructions as may be proper in relation to the organization and posting of the Brigade under your Command —

I am Sir,
very Respectfully
your obedient servant
T. H. Cushing

Brigadier General
Levi Lusk
Connecticut Militia in the
Service of the United States

B. G. Comg

[Superscribed] Brigadier General Levi Lusk Connecticut Militia

[Endorsed] Gen[l] Cushing's letter to Gen[l] Lusk —

I. BIDDLE TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[5:164]

Copy
U S Hornet Aug. 14, 1814
Norwich River

Sir

In our conversation of Yesterday I detailed to you my reasons. for wishing that a detachment of militia might be stationed permanently. on board the dismantled Frigates —

I now beg leave to state that in my opinion Two Hundred Men will be necessary for this service — If you will be good enough to furnish as soon as possible, this number of Militia to be distributed between the two frigates I shall make it my duty to see that every attention be paid to their Comfort and Convenience during their Continuance on board — nor shall any duty be exacted from them not immediately Connected with the defence of the Ships — I pray you to accept my best acknowledgements for the friendly disposition you have manifested on this occasion. and for the interest you take in the Security of the Ships under my Command

I have the honor to be with mutch respect
yr hum Most Ob St
(Signed) I Biddle

Major Gen[l] Williams

THOMAS H. CUSHING TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[5:165]

Copy
Military District N° 2
Head Quarters New London
14 Aug. 1814

Sir

I deem it necessary to have another Regiment of Infantry, and one Subaltern one Sergeant One Corporal One Trumpeter and Sixteen privates of Cavalry of your division added to the Brigade of Militia now in the Service of the United States under the Command of Brig General Isham, and I have the honor to request you to give the necessary orders for this purpose

I am Sir Very respectfully Your Ob Ser
Sig[d] T H Cushing
B G Com.

Major Gen[l] Williams
Conn[t] Militia New London

[Endorsed] Gen[l] Cushing's & Capt. Biddle's Requisitions on Major Gen[l] Williams 14. Aug. 1814 —

THOMAS H. CUSHING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:1]

Duplicate

Military District N° 2
Head Quarters New London
14th August 1814. —

Sir,

A Brigade in the army of the United States should consist of two thousand men; and the detachment of Militia required of your Excellency by my letter of the 11th instant, does not exceed seventeen hundred, which is probably less than any Brigade of Militia in the State of Connecticut. — In asking for a Brigadier General to Command this force, I have certainly gone as far as I am authorized by my instructions from the War Department, which are "that a due proportion, in all cases, be maintained between officers and privates"; and I trust, that on reflection, your Excellency will relinquish the Idea of ordering a Major General to assume the Command of less than a complete Brigade. —

Should circumstances require a further call for men, to an extent equal to a Major Generals Command including the seventeen hundred, I shall not fail to include that officer in my requisition. —

The enemy left Stonington yesterday, and anchored near the Hammocks, and to day he has taken a stand with one 74, one Razee, a bomb vessel and two Brigs, between the mouth of Peqonock, and fishers Island, and about four miles from our shore. — His barges were seen in different directions during the afternoon, and it is probable he may attempt some thing to night — We are on the alert in all directions, and hope to give a good account of any force he may hazzard on land, or bring in contact with our batteries — Besides the force already mentioned, he has in Gardiners Bay, one 74, one or two frigates & two Smaller armed vessels

I am Sir, your Excellencys most obedient servant
T. H. Cushing B. Gen[l] Comm[d]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith
Governor of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Duplicate from Gen[l] Cushing

CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:2]

New Haven 16 Augt 1814.

His Excellency Govr Smith
Sir

After receiving yours of the 8th Feby mentioning that my "demand for expenses incurred in furnishing an escort for the field pieces to Killingworth should be presented to the Quarter Master General & included in his account with the General Government", I called on Co^{l} Mix, & shewed him your letter: He thinks proper however, still to refuse payment. I shewed him also the orders which I rec^{d} from the late Brig: Genl Merriman; he replied, that I should not have obeyed that order: — that it belonged to him to see the pieces safely conveyed, & if he had tho^{t} an escort necessary, he should have requested one of the General himself, &c &c &c

If it is the opinion of your Excellency that I have done wrong in obeying the orders of my superior officers, I shall no longer claim a reimbursement of the expense; otherwise I cannot see why pay^{t} should any longer be withheld, or why I should be subjected to the unpleasant alternative of presenting a petition to the General Assembly, or loosing my money.

Respectfully Yrs
Chas Sherman

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Sharon
Mail p^{d} New Haven Ct. Aug 16
[Endorsed] Major C. Sherman 16. Aug. 1814 —

WILLIAM BELCHER TO JIRAH ISHAM

[6:3]

(Copy)
Head Quarters Eighth Reg^{t}
Mistick Ferry 16th Augt 1814

Sir,

In consequence of the unusual activity and vigilance of the Enemy's barges in this vicinity, an expedition, in concert

with some citizens of this place, has been concerted and carried into execution — the result of which is that one of their barges was this day decoyed on shore within a few rods of a volunteer detachment of about forty men from this Reg^{t} under the command of Captains Barber, Billins, Avery & Palmer which had marched to that place for that purpose, and had secreted themselves until the boat had run on shore, and the barge in pursuit of her had arrived at nearly the same point, when, at a signal given, the men composing the detachment rose for the purpose of rushing upon them, but one of the citizens from the boat, at this instant fired his piece and give the word "fire" when a small part of the detachment fired and killed one man and wounded two others; one of them severely; the remainder consisting of one sailing Master and Eight Men Surrendered —

Much praise is due to the officers & soldiers composing this detachment for the promptitude with which they volunteered in this service — as well as for their strict attention to duty in the execution of it; and also to the citizens for their dexterity in managing the decoy —

I have only to regret the firing at all, as the object (the capture of the Barge and her crew) might have been effected and the effusion of blood Saved without having resorted to this measure — They are however to be justified on the ground that the barge fired a number of Shot at the boat while in Chase of her —

The prisoners I shall send to your Quarters early in the morning

I am Sir
Respectfully
yours &c
Wm Belcher
Lt Col^{o} Com^{d}^{t} 8th Reg —

Brig^{r} Genl
Jirah Isham
Groton
Copy
M. Lee Aid de camp

HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[6:4]

New Haven 17 Augt 1814

Sir

The two detachments on guard at this place, having served out the period for which they were ordered into service, were both discharged, having previously been mustered by Captin Northrup of the United states troops; — the Row guard was dismissed on the 12th inst^{t} & the Infantry on the 14th the money having been furnished by Major Goddard for the purpose, they were all paid off, with the exception of the two commissioned officers; — the principal part of the Row guard immediately reenlisted & the complement was made up without difficulty. — The detachment from the sixth Brigade consisting of two subalterns officers & twenty eight Non Commissioned officers & privates, arrived here on the 13th & were mustered immediately by Captain Northrup. — the Officer commanding this detachment, says, that he had no orders to report himself to me, but was merely directed by his Colonel to call on me for information. I have however taken it upon me to give such directions as I thought necessary

The Breastwork at the end of the Long Wharf progresses as rapidly as circumstances will admit, on consultetin with Colonel Mansfield, it was thought most expedient, to construct the outworks of timber, & to have the inside filled with earth, the whole six feet thick, & from five to six feet in heighth.

General Humphreys will doubtless inform your Excellency, of the offer from the Commandant at Fort Hale, of the use of two *eighteen pounders* mounted on field carriages. these I think may be made use of to very good advantage, in case of a visit from the Enemy, & I trust that such measures will speedily be adopted as will render them quite an acquisition to us

It is much to be regretted, that the Quarter Master General has not thought it expedient to appoint an Assistant at this place. — I feel reluctant to trouble your Excellency on this subject, but the necessity of the case must plead an excuse

for it. — the Arms & Ammunition furnished by the State, I hope are sufficient for any exigency that may arise, but as no one is particularly responsible, either for the use or distribution of the Ammunition, it is certainly liable to great waste the time when it will be needed may arrive, & no one be able to tell where to find it. — besides this, there are many minor details belonging to this department, which require a good deal of attention, even for the little force that is stationed here.

The order for the detachment under the requisition from the President came to hand on the 4th instt — orders were immediately issued to the Commandants of the several Regiments, — owing to the remote situation of the 7th Regiment the returns from that have not been received, as soon as this comes to hand, no time shall be lost, in making the proper returns to the Adjutant General.

The Battalion of Artillery, commanded by Major Sherman volunteered their services, but as it contains six commissioned officers & one hundred & three Non Commissioned Officers & privates, about double the number which I was ordered to detach, I have not thought proper to accept of them. I shall however advise the Adjutant General of the fact, on my return & await further orders respecting them

Respectfully I am sir Your Most Obed servt

His Excellency HEZEKIAH HOWE

JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Brigadier General 2d Brigade

Captain General

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Captain General Sharon

[Endorsed] B. Gen1 Howe 17. Aug. 1814 by Gen1 Humphreys answer 22nd intra —

TIMOTHY SHEPARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:5]

NEW TOWN 17th August 1814

Sir

The alarm exhibited among our people upon the Seaboard by the late movements of the enemy in the Sound, and the

prospect of their being occasion for Some Part if not all of the Reg^{t} under my command to be called out Suddenly and knowing that the Reg^{t} is not sufficiently armed for Service, I am induced to ask Your Excellency to direct the Quter Master General to deposit one Hundred Stands of arms and one hundred cartrige Boxes in the Town of New Town, I mention this place as it is the most convenient place of rendezvous for that part of the Reg^{t} that would probably be ordered on any Sudden emergency in this Part of the State —
If your Excellency should think proper to order the deposit I will be responsible for their safe Keeping. I would not have troubled your Excellency at this time did I not believe that in case one or two Companies were ordered out suddenly, that there would be an almost total deficiency in their arms
Capt Abijah B. Curtis of the 2^{d} Company is the Bearer of this

I am Sir Your Excellencys
Humble Sev^{t}
TIMOTHY SHEPARD
Col^{n} 1st Reg^{t} S Corps

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Col. Shephard — 17th Aug. 1814 rec^{d} at Hartford 19th — arms for S. troops —

JOHN ARMSTRONG TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[6:6]

Extract of a letter from the Secretary of War to Brigadier General Cushing dated

"War Dep^{t}
17th August 1814.

You will state to Gov. Smith the nature & extent of our rules in regard to Militia drafts. — the Staff they bring with them must be accommodated to the number of effectives called

out and actually presenting themselves for inspection & service. — two Regts make a Brigade and two Brigades a Division — when any number less than 4000 is required, a Maj Gen cannot be recognized. — This regulation is so obviously founded in reason & economy to the public & justice to individuals that I am satisfied the Governor's good sense & public spirit will not for a moment resist it. —

A true extract
T. H. Cushing
Brig^{r} Genl

[Endorsed] Extract of a letter from Sec^{y} War to Genl Cushing referred to in the General's letter of 24th August 1814 —

CHARLES H. POND TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:7]

Milford 18th Augt 1814

Sir

Forty three of the Exempts of this Town have enrolled their names, associated themselves into a Comp'y of Artillery for the defence of the seaboard & tender their services to your Excellency.

Yesterday the Comp'y assembled to elect their Officers, when the following were chosen Viz —

James Hitchcox, Captain
Easman Miner 1st Lieutenant
Ephraim Curtis, 2^{d} d^{o}
Stephen Trowbridge, 3^{d} d^{o}

Will your Excell'y please to forward commissions for the above named Officers? The enclosed certificate will show the correctness of the list.

As we think there is no doubt that in a few days the Comp'y will consist of at least fifty persons, perhaps sixty, the Comp'y request your Excell'y to direct two pieces of ordnance mounted, the one a nine, the other a six pounder.

Should your Excell'y think that it would have been more regular for the Comp'y to have waited your Excelly's direc-

tions for the choice of officers, we state as the sole cause of our speedy organization, the increasing danger of the times; which we trust will be considered by you, Sir a sufficient reason for requesting the commissions, the ordnance, the ammunition &c to be forwarded with all convenient dispatch. I am Sir in behalf of the Comp'y your Excelly's most Obt St

Chs H. Pond, Clk of Compy

To his Excell'y John Cotton Smith — Sharon.

[Superscribed] His Excell'y John Cotton Smith Sharon Connecticut Milford Ct 18 Augt 10

[Endorsed] Capt. C. H. Pond Milford volunteers recd 24th Aug. answd Do —

GENERAL ORDERS

[6:8]

Hartford 18. Augt 1814

The Captain General has observed with great satisfaction the discipline, good order and excellent conduct of the officers non commissioned officers, musicians and privates composing the first regiment of detached militia. The punctuality with which they have repaired to the place of rendezvous deserves the highest praise. It evinces a reverence for the laws, a devotedness to their government every way honourable to them as citizens and as soldiers. To men of such dispositions we may safely confide the protection of our best and dearest interests.

The troops will carry with them the warmest wishes of the Commander in chief for their preservation and their individual happiness. It will be his earnest endeavour to contribute by all the means in his power to their comfort and accommodation whilst they continue in service, and to give them the earliest possible opportunity of returning to their families & friends, with a consciousness of having merited the benedictions of their country —

[Endorsed] General orders 18. Aug. 1814 detached militia

JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[6:9]

New London, 18 Augs^{t} 1814

His Excellency
Gov Smith

Dear Sir

You have doubtless been informed of our proceedings in this part of the State during the last ten days, and I have communicated to Col^{n} Trumbull every particular which the short interviews I have been indulged with would permit — my time is now so entirely engross'd that I beg to refer Your Excellency to Col^{n} Trumbull for all such information as you may need respecting our Troops now under my command —

One subject is however so extreemly interesting to me, and all the Inhabitants of this vicinity that I presume to anticipate your Excellency's pardon while I mention it — I perceive by the General orders regarding the detached militia ordered into service, a copy of which was attached to Genl Lusk's request to me — that a Maj^{r} Genl is detailed for the service — On this subject there is but one opinion — Brig^{r} Gen Cushing is the Gentleman and the Soldier — I cannot say eanough in his favour — His Vigilance, his attention to our Troops, his attachment to this State, his opposition to any surrender of our State rights, or soverenty, all conspire to forbid his being superceded in the command here — This is not all — should Maj^{r} Genl Taylor take the command in this District — can we be assured they will send a man in whom we have confidence — such a one we now have, and I pledge myself that all your Excellency's friends coincide with me in this opinion — pardon me for entreating Your Excellency to remove this embarrasment under which we must labour before it is too late — No requisition has been made for a Maj^{r} Genl and if I am correctly advised the U. States will not pay one — I have never conversed with Gn^{l} Cushing on this subject —

and he has not the least intimation that I am addressing Your Excellency — His delicacy would not permit him to consent to it —

In grate haste I have the
honor to be your Excellency's
Ob^{t} Ser^{t} JIRAH ISHAM

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
Col^{o} Trumbull

[Endorsed] Brid. Genl Isham 18. Aug. 1814. de Genl Cushing —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LEVI LUSK

[6:10]

HARTFORD 18. August 1814

To Brigadier General Levi Lusk

Sir

You will repair to New London with the force under you command pursuant to the advice you have received from Brigadier General Cushing, and will cause your troops to be duly mustered and inspected. They will be furnished with subsistence, tents or barracks, and other necessary supplies by the United States; such arms however as may be required to supply deficiencies in that article amongst your men, you will obtain from the Deputy Quarter Master General, and you will consider yourself responsible for their safe return at the close of the service the casualties of war excepted.

As some time may elapse before the Major Genl of the detachment will arrive, You will communicate freely with the officer commanding the troops of the united states as to the proper employment of your force, and cooperate with him in the defence of that portion of the state; making reports regularly to the Commander in chief by mail.

It is expected that the guards at Saybrook and Stonington will be relieved by portions of the present detachment at such time and in such manner as on a consultation with General Cushing shall be judged expedient —

You are not to move out *of the jurisdiction* of the state, unless the operations of war shall render it adviseable to do so

for the moment. But it is not expected that you will suffer any part of the force under your command to be *stationed* without the territory of this state, nor *without the bounds of its authority*.

The importance of preserving the greatest harmony with the officers of the regular army, and of cultivating a similar disposition in your men towards the national troops will attract your particular notice —

To an officer of your rank and experience it is unnecessary to recommend the utmost attention to the cleanliness, health and comfort of the troops, as well as to their discipline and morals. — The necessary rules and articles for their government will be found in the act passed by the General Assembly on that subject at the last session.

The term of service will probably not exceed Sixty days, and it is hoped events will justify the discharge of the detachment from this duty at a much earlier period —

By order &c —
J. T. Aid de camp

Copy —
[Endorsed] Instructions to B. General Levi Lusk — 18. Aug. 1814 Copy —

GEORGE L. PERKINS TO JOSEPH TRUMBULL

[6:11]

Head Quarters
New London
19 Augt 1814

Dear Sir

When you called this morning and enquired of me the AM necessary to pay the Brigade of Militia now in service — I informed you on a moments reflection, and without any particular calculation that $2800 to $3000 would be sufficient — This is the sum required for a *Regiment* — when I named it, I had in view the Pay and Emoluments of a Reg^{t} and not the Brigade — There are five Regiments in service which will make $15,000 and the Gen & Staff 3 to $400 which compares with a particular Estimate I have made this day and forwarded to

the Army Pay office Amounting to *$15,404* the sum which Maj^{r} Goddard will require to pay off the Troops —

Respectfully
Yr ob^{t} Ser^{t}
Ge^{o} L Perkins
Maj Brigade

Col^{o}
Jo^{s} Trumbull
Htf'd.

P. S. The time calculated for is 2/3 of a month — I give this information to prevent embarrassment
GLP

[Superscribed] Colonel Jo^{s} Trumbull Hartford Mail Via N. Haven, N. London. C Augt 19 10

[Endorsed] Major Perkins's estimate of wages of Militia —

ESTIMATE OF FORCE NECESSARY AT N. HAVEN

[6:12]

Aug. 20, 1814 [in pencil]

The subscribers having been appointed by the Civil Authority and Select Men of the town of New Haven, a committee to examine and report what are the means of defence the town now has at command; and what further measures of defence our situation requires, having employed the short time allowed them in examining the subject, beg leave to report —

That they find that the town in case of an attack, could in a few hours bring into the field,

of *Infantry*

	Men
1 Company (the Governor's Foot Guards,) well armed, say	100
1st & 2nd Company of the 2nd Regiment of Militia, say 45 men strong each company, poorly armed	90

Of Artillery

1 Battalion, well armed, & with 4 Guns - - - - say	75
1 Company Volunteer Artillery, not armed, but have 2 twelve pounders stationed at the end of the Long Wharf - - - - - - say	60

Of Cavalry

1 Company (Governor's Horse Guards) well armed, say	30
	355
Of Volunteers who might fall into the ranks, we may perhaps calculate on, say with arms - - - - - - -	45
Total	400

In case we should have 12 or 24 hours notice of the attack, we might call on the whole of the 2nd Regt of Militia, making 6 Companies but poorly armed and would not muster more than 30 men to a Company say 180

Total Men 580

We take no notice of the present guard stationed here, as they would all be wanted as guards, and probably many more —

Of Arms.

The Committee find that we now have of such as would be serviceable —— 300 stands

Of Artillery, we have stationed upon the wharf upon ship carriages — 12 pounders.....	2
on field carriages two 6-pounders (brass)	2
do.....do . . . two 2-pounders (do)	2
guns	6
	213

Of Ammunition
Fixed

For the Artillery, round shot to each gun average, say —— 100
grape shot to each gun — average 39 rounds 39

For Infantry — 18,000 ball cartridges
For Cavalry — 3000 — do —— do —
For Artillery — 642 Cartridges

Loose Ammunition

	lbs
16 Casks of Powder — say — 400	
12 pound shot (round)	100
.....do.....(grape)	54
6 pound shot (round)	264
.....do.....(grape)	150
2 pound shot (round)	274
.....do.....(grape)	38

The Committee are of opinion that the means of defence at present at command, are wholly insufficient — They therefore recommend an immediate application for

1	Regiment of *Infantry* which probably would not muster over 400 men	400
2	Companies of *Artillery*, which will probably have 2 guns each & 50 men each	100
1	Company of *Cavalry*, say 40 men - - - -	40
	men	540

Also, that the Battalion of Artillery be immediately put into service, & kept in service with the troops called for — the whole with small arms, and four-6 pounders —

The Committee recommends, that the troops take into service the two 18-pounders at the fort, and that they be placed on Prospect Hill with a good supply of ammunition — the ground levelled on the hill, and a breast work thrown up —

The Committee forbear to take up time in giving reasons for the adoption of these measures, as they must be obvious to every reflecting mind —

New Haven Augst 20th 1814

Seth P. Staples
Eli Whitney
Hezekiah Howe

The foregoing is a true Copy
of the original Report
Certified by me
Henry Daggett Chairman

[Endorsed] Estimate of force necessary at N. Haven —

LUTHER BRADLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:13]

New Haven August 20th 1814

His Excelency John Cotton Smith

Sir the order I Rec^{d} from your Excelency at N London on the 12th June 1813 is not as Extensive in my opinion as the excegency of the Times Requires — it merely gives me the power to Call out the Guardes for Defence of the Town — my wish is that your Excelency would extend my order that I Can order out the Guards for inspection and drill — at any time & aspesialy as long as our City is under the present alarm & danger of atack —

Respectfuly your ob^{t} Srv^{t} —

Luther Bradley —
Maj^{r} Comandant 2^{d} Company Govr Foot Guardes

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Sharon p^{r} Coll Staples —

[Endorsed] Major L. Bradley 20. Aug. 1814 — de Guards.

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:14]

New London Aug. 21st 1814

His Excellᵧ John Cotton Smith

Sir

I have it in charge from Brigadier Gen. Jirah Isham, that the militia under his command will be mustered & discharged in the following manner, viz. The 20th Regt on the 23d Inst the 8th Regt on the 24th the 33d on the 25th the 3d on the 26th the 30th on the 27th and the General and Brigade Staff on the 27th — the estimate for the whole Pay will amount to about Sixteen Thousand Dollars, - - the estimate which Major Perkins made was only the amount which the United States will pay. I therefore have to request Your Excellency to direct the Comptroller to draw on the Treasurer for that amount - - - - I have agreed with the Union Bank in this place to let me have the money, so that I shall pay the whole before they leave this place in pursuance of the Order Your Excellency gave me of the 26th of May last —

I have ascertain'd from the United States District Paymaster that he has no funds to pay what is due the Officers & Soldiers from the United States Government —

I hope the foregoing arrangement will meet Your Excellencys approbation

I am with perfect Respect Your Excellencys Obedient
& Humble Servant
Hez. Goddard Pay Master Gen.

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Hartford
pr Col Staples

[Endorsed] Major Goddard 22. Aug. 1814 — by Col. Staples —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[6:15]

Hartford 21. August 1814 —

Sir

Col. S. P. Staples of New Haven, who is the bearer of this letter, will make you acquainted with the state of alarm ex-

isting there, and from the communications he will show you, it will be perceived what measures the local authorities deem necessary for the safety of the town.

I am clearly of opinion the means of defence must be increased at that place, it being at once the most inviting and accessible to the enemy of any portion of the state. So to husband our force as to render the vulnerable points secure without exhausting the strength and resources of the country becomes an extremely important consideration. With your present prospects at New London are all the troops you have required really necessary at and near that post? — May not the services of the 3rd regiment of detached militia, who are to rendezvous at Norwich on the 23rd instant, be dispensed with at this time, and be reserved for future emergencies, especially as the militia in that quarter of the state have been so repeatedly called into the field? - - If you however judge them essential to the security of New-London and its vicinity, they must repair thither — But in any event there should be no hesitation in providing for the defence of New Haven; and I shall be prepared to receive a requisition for this important object — In submitting your request I think it is not expedient for you to limit the call to the detached militia. Col. Staples will fully explain to you the effect of such an arrangement which, in a word, to strengthen N. Haven would materially weaken the whole extent of the coast from Saybrook westward. A sufficiently numerous and equally effective force can be derived from other sources.

Whatever course is pursued there should be no unnecessary delay either in collecting the men, or in preparing the requisite supplies —

I shall detain Col. Staples no longer than to assure you that I am with much respect Sir

Your obedient & humble servant

B. Gen[l] Cushing — John Cotton Smith

[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Cushing — 21. August 1814 — By Col. Staples — N° 15.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:16]

New London Augt 21. 1814

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

Your letter of the 19th Ins^{t} by Mr Richards, occasioned me regret that I had omited in my former communication to state that in calling out the 33 Regm^{t} I was governed by my own opinion of the necessity of the measure, from the threatening appearance of the Enemy in our Waters. Information upon which we relied had then reached us that an attack upon this place was intended immediately and under the impression of the correctness of the Intelligence I deemed an additional Regiment necessary — Genl Cushing with whoom I consulted was of the same opinion & made the Requisition with which I complied from a conviction of the prudence & propriety of the measure.

In addressing your Excellency upon the subject I failed to give my own opinion. The same Reasons operated upon me in calling in a detachment of Cavalry who would communicate with expadition & facilety between the different posts whare our force is stationed & could reconnoiter the ground & give early Intelligence of the movements of the Enemy — my own opinion was not given to your Excellency although the measure had my most cordial assent — I should have communicated to your Excellency by Express had I been aware of the delay which attended a conveyance by mail, I shall not again trust to any ordinary mode of conveyance,

The Enemy have sailed with most of their ships leaving here a force of only two or three ships under long Island — The Militia now on Duty are to be dismissed on Saturday next as I learn from Genl Isham — I am Very Resptfy your

most ob^{t} ser^{t}

Wm Williams

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr now at Hartford P Col^{l} Staples

[Endorsed] From Major Genl Williams 22. Aug. 1814

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH
[6:17]

New London Augt 22nd 1814

His Excellency John Cotton Smith

Sir

I have receiv^{d} a letter from the Comptroller of this State of the 20th Instant, Stating to me that your Excellency doubts as to the extent of the meaning of the resolve of the General Assembly to extend their advances in payment of the wages due them on their discharge as one of the Regiments will be discharged tomorrow I have on my own responsibility promised money to pay them your Excellency will please say to me by the *return express* sent by Genl Isham whether I shall proceed to pay the others agreeable to my letter sent to your Excellency by Col^{n} Staples & whether I may expect a further appropriation to meet the other Regiments when discharged In hast with perfect respect

Hez. Goddard P.M.G.

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Hartford By Express Pub. service

[Endorsed] Major Goddard 22. Aug. 1814 payment of militia rec^{d} 23rd 3'o'clock A.M. answ^{d} 6'o'clock —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE
[6:18]

Hartford 22. Aug. 1814

Sir

Your favour by Genl Humphreys was duly received — I thank you for your attention to the organization & posting of the guards —

The *eighteen pounders* are an important addition to your means of defence and the position which Col. Staples informs me you have chosen for them appears to me highly judicious —

I have advised the Q. M. General to appoint a deputy in your city, and he assures me it shall be speedily done —

The enclosed communication from Durham may possibly deserve attention — I have informed the writer that it is referred to your consideration — Should you find it merits any regard be pleased to report to me the facts & your opinion —

I am sir respectfully your very obedient servant

J. C. SMITH

B. Gen[l] H. HOWE

Mem[d] — enclosed a petition signed W[m] Smith of Durham dated 11. August 1814 praying a *rifle company* may be formed &c

[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Howe —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES SHERMAN

[6:19]

HARTFORD 22. Aug. 1814 —

Sir —

Your letter of the 16th instant addressed to me at Sharon has been forwarded to this place — I have since shewn it to the Q. M. General and have informed him that your claim ought undoubtedly to be received, and if it cannot be allowed according to the rules of his department he should report it to the General Assembly for their decision —

I am respectfully Sir

Your Ob[t] & humble ser[t]

Major SHERMAN

[Endorsed] Major Sherman 22. Aug. 1814

JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:20]

Brigade Conn[t] Militia Head Quarters

NEW LONDON Aug[t] 22[d] 1814

His Excellency Gov[r] Smith

Sir,

This is the first moment I have had which the very troublesome & distressing Service in which I have been recently

engaged would permit me to detail to your Excellency my movements & proceedings — Indeed I am very much surprised to find that you have not received all particulars

On the 9th Inst at about 9 Oclock PM an Express reached Brigdr Gen1 T H Cushing Commg Military District No 2 — informing him that a British squadron under command of Sir Thos M Hardy were off Stonington Point & had sent in a Flag advising the Inhabitants that they had one hour granted them to remove & that their Village would be destroyed at the expiration of that time —

Gen1 Cushing made a Requisition on Majr Gen1 Williams for two Regiments of Infantry the 8th & 30th from my Brigade one to rendezvous at Stonington Point & the other at the Head of Mistick — to which Requisition two other Regiments the 3d & 20th were added — Gen1 Williams accordingly issued his Order a copy of which is inclosed marked A— I immediately issued Brigade Orders and caused the Signals in the different Regiments to be made for assembling the men — The next day, the 10th I recd orders from Gen1 Williams to take command of the Regiments thus ordered out with no instructions to whom I should make Returns or Report —

In obedience to this Order & in compliance with instructions from Brigdr Gen1 Cushing I repaired early in the morning to Stonington Point & took charge of the Troops there assembled —

On the 10th day of August I received from Gen1 Cushing orders of which I send a Copy marked B — Since which receiving no Communications from your Excellency & no further instructions from Major Gen1 Williams I have considered myself under the command of Gen1 Cushing & have made Returns & Report to him of my Brigade conformably to his orders as above — All the written communications between Gen1 Cushing & myself shall be furnished to your Excellency if desired —

I remained at Stonington Point with *three* Regts, as the 20th had been ordered to join me there, untill Sunday night about 10 Oclock when the Enemy's Ships having gone to the Westward through Fishers Island Sound, I recd by express

from Genl Cushing Orders to move the 20th Reg^{t} to Groton Bank, Five Companies of the 8th I had previously marched to Mistick Ferry as the Enemy had come to off the mouth of Mistick River — We marched all night & by great exertions arrived at Groton Bank by day light on monday morning — the three Companies of the 8th Reg^{t} I also moved at the same time to join Col^{o} Belcher of the 8th Reg^{t} at Mistick Ferry — On the 16th of August late in the afternoon as the Enemy Ships were lying off Eastern Point (Groton) & we were very apprhensive of an Attack at New London I ordered Col^{o} Belcher with the 8th Reg^{t}, excepting, one Company to be left at Mistick, to join me at Groton Bank; they arrived in the Night — The 8th & 20th Reg^{ts} are now, your Excellency will perceive, at Groton Bank excepting the company of the 8th at Mistick — the 30th remains at Stonington Point — the 3^{d} Reg^{t} is encamped near the Harbours Mouth West side of the River Thames — the 33^{d} Reg^{t} which previous to my leaving Stonington had been ordered into Service upon a Similar Requisition & by like Orders as the other Regiments, is stationed at Rope Ferry — There is also a small detachment of Cavalry, twenty including officers now in service —

The best arrangements in my power to make for the defence of the Sea Coast within the limits of my command have been adopted — Our Troops are in good Spirits & in the Attack on Stonington Point manifested an ardent desire that the Enemy should attempt a *landing* — But in the form of Attack they chose, we could do little —

The Battery however of two Eighteen pounders was fought with great bravery & much to the injury & annoyance of the enemy —

The Bombs, Rockets & Shot fell among us & passed over us in every direction with very little injury — The Buildings are very materially injured & some nearly ruined — but considering the opportunity the enemy had, it is indeed miraculous that so little destruction was accomplished —

I have received from Brig^{dr} Genl Cushing Orders for the Mustering & discharge of the Troops under my command as follows

the 20th Regt on the 23d Inst
8th " — —24th —
33d - " — —25- —
3d " — —26-- —
30th - " & Genl & Brigade
Staff - —— ——— } 27 — ——
Staff - —— ———

Arrangements are made I understand by Major Goddard for the payment of the diffirent Regiments when discharged —

Should your Excellency not direct to the contrary they will be discharged as above stated —

Without being favoured with any particular instructions from your Excellency I have waded through this scene of trouble, danger & distress in the best manner I could with the small share of talents & still less of experience, which I could command -- I may have omitted in this communication many things which I ought to have stated, they shall be supplied hereafter —

Your Excellency I trust will pardon me for not having addressed you at an earlier period, when you reflect that I have had on my mind & hands the concerns of *Five Regiments* scattered from Niantick River to Rhode Island-line and when my Head Quarters were at Stonington we had not, for a long time, either Pen Ink or Paper & in expectation every moment of being *seriously* employed — I must — once more say the *spirit* of my Troops would do honour to any service — Will your Excellency please communicate to me your views & wishes & also such instructions as you may think necessary to regulate my conduct —

I have conversed freely with Coll Staples who will fully disclose my feelings to your Excellency — As ever, I am with the highest respect & esteem

Your Excellency's
Obedt Servt
JIRAH ISHAM Brigr Genl
Conng ld Brigade

P S, On the 16th Inst the Troops at Mistick captured a Barge, killed one man, wounded two & took a Sailing Master of the Bomb Ship and eight men prisoners, no loss on our part. — Except the wounded, which remain at Mistick, the Prisoners are delivered to the Deputy Marshall of this District —

Yrs JI

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr Smith Hartford By Express Pub Service

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